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Your contact  
is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Bevan

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE SCOTS PINE TREE AT 10 MONKS WAY, READING -  
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 104/07.**

Thank you for your application of 27 March 2019, regarding the above.

During my visit on 30 April 2019 we decided to put aside the works approved in 2015 (under approval 150485) and start afresh given the time that had passed. You explained that your main concerns were the degree of overhang over your garden and over your neighbours, including growth of the Pine into their boundary conifers.

I followed up my visit with my email of 30 April 2019 in which I specified the works we discussed which you agreed were as per that discussion in your email of the same date. Your application has therefore been amended to apply for permission for those works.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your amended application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- Crown clean, i.e. removal of dead, dangerous, low vigour, crossing/rubbing branches
- Reduction of the upper crown on the east side by 0.5-1m
- Removal of 3 small branches growing from the trunk

- Removal of one secondary branch growing over the boundary with the neighbouring property
- Reduction of branches growing into the neighbours conifer by 0.5-1m
- Tip reduction of the large branch overhang the rear lawn area by approximately 1m back to suitable growing points

### Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

4. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

5. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

### Informatives

1. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However written notice must be given 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood. Where a branch is deemed to be 'dangerous', i.e. where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

2. Disturbance of wildlife: It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to disturb roosting bats or nesting birds. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work. Wildlife and habitat controls are administered by Natural England who can be contacted on 0300 060 3900; [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

The Environment Appeals Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Email: [environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk)

Tel: 0117 372 8192

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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