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Your contact
is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Kevin

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES IN AND ADJACENT TO ST MARYS CHURCHYARD, ST MARYS BUTTS, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/06.

Thank you for your application of 15 August 2018, regarding the above.

Further to consideration of your application at Planning Applications Committee on 10 October 2018, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T1 Norway Maple – crown lift over pathways to statutory heights; reduce back branches extending into pathways/highways to growing points to clear rights of way; reduce branches back from the roof of No. 55 St Mary's Butts to give approx. 1m clearance
- All relevant trees within the TPO – remove basal growth twice a year for the next 5 years; crown lift to 2.75m over paths and 5.5m over the roads annually for 5 years and crown clean (remove dead, dying, dangerous, crossing/rubbing branches) annually for 5 years.

Please note Informative 3 below – I assume you will advise the Diocese of the intended works.

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works, including on each occasion the repeated operations are undertaken.
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 in relation to T1 Maple is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and the remainder of works are valid for 5 years, a repeat application being required before undertaking works after 29 October 2023
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

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
3. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.
4. Crown lifting of trees over the public footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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

Tel: 0117 372 8192

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer