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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Wastle,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN OAK ON LAND TO THE REAR OF 12 WOODLANDS GROVE,
CAVERSHAM, PROTECTED AS T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 8/003**

Thank you for your application dated 5th June 2018, regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are **approved** subject to the conditions below:

- T4 Oak - remove major deadwood and reduce 1x lateral stem on upper western side of canopy by 2m to suitable secondary growth.

NB: It is evident, having viewed the tree from the front garden only that this tree is in a state of decline. You have advised that a climbing inspection will be carried out at the same time which is a sensible approach. We recommend that the tree owner continues to monitor the tree for any signs of decay or dysfunction. Fungal fruiting bodies can be symptomatic of decay therefore if they notice any unusual growths on or around the tree(s) at any time they are advised to seek further professional arboricultural advice.

Conditions

1. 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

2. 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. 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 030 6000

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

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

Yours sincerely

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