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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Lovejoy

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE HORSE CHESTNUT AT 33A EASTERN AVENUE, READING -
T10 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 66/05**

Thank you for your application of 29 October 2018, regarding two Horse Chestnut at 33a Eastern Avenue.

Your original application sought consent to re-pollard both trees at previous pruning points. As per my email of 14 November, following my visit of 8 November 2018, I queried the work to both trees. My email highlighted the fact that your T2 (T10 of the TPO) had been pollarded at two levels, the lower approx. 30 years ago (as advised by Mr Simmonds) and at a higher point since then, therefore clarification was sought on the intended pruning point. I also commented on several issues with the tree and future management challenges as a result of these, concluding that if felling was desired as an alternative, that would be reasonable. In relation to other tree (your T1; T11 of the TPO), on the boundary with No. 33, it was not apparent where re-pollarding was intended as no pollard knuckles were present; the tree having fully recovered from pollarding/topping done many decades ago.

Following the comments in my email of 14 November, I understand that you discussed the trees with Mr Simmonds and you subsequently confirmed via email on 19 November that the application should be changed to omit any works to T1/T11 and to fell T2/T10.

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

- Horse chestnut (T2 of the application, T10 of the TPO) – fell

As mentioned in my email of 14 November 2018, Mr Simmonds indicated that the overall condition of T1/T11 had declined in recent years. Given the presence of bleeding canker and Mr Simmonds concerns, it would be prudent to re-assess the tree when in full leaf next year.

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. Following the felling of the tree authorised by this consent, one replacement broadleaved tree of a minimum 8-10cm girth (min 2.75m in height) shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest, the species of which shall be agreed with the Local Planning Authority

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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

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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C.c. Mr R Simmonds, 33a Eastern Avenue