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Your contact
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Dear Mr Butler

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF ONE SYCAMORE TREE AT 6 WAYLEN STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Notification of 11 May 2018, regarding the above, made on behalf of Mr Oates at 7 Russell Street.

The tree in question appears to be in good condition and provides amenity value to the residents of Waylen Street, Russell Street and the few in Oxford Road. It also provides important canopy coverage in this urban conservation area which has a 10% of less canopy cover area, as defined in our Tree Strategy. As you will be aware, where trees are protected by a TPO, felling is generally not allowed where nuisance reasons, e.g. shade, leaves and honeydew, are cited. Obviously, where concerns about damage to adjacent structures are raised, these are fully considered.

In the case of the Sycamore in question, given its past management (lapsed pollard), a crown reduction would be reasonable which would alleviate the nuisance concerns raised, i.e. felling is not necessary. In relation to the wall, this issue is not clear.

The Council therefore intend to place a provisional Tree Preservation Order on this tree as the proposed felling is currently not considered to be acceptable. This will be served prior to the end of the 6-week notice period and no works should take place to this tree

in the meantime. The purpose of the provisional TPO is for us to have an opportunity to be able to look at the issues raised more fully (particularly with regards to the position of the tree in relation to the wall) and to view the tree from the rear of 6 Waylen Street. Following this, we will make you aware of our intentions, i.e. whether we intend to allow the provisional TPO to lapse or if it is to be confirmed (made permanent). If the latter, you will have the opportunity to detail any objections you or your client have. You should of course advise us of your objection in principle to the TPO within 28 days of service, if applicable.

If works to/felling of the tree is desired following the service of the TPO, an application for works under the TPO will then need to be submitted for formal consideration. If the works are subsequently refused, the appeal process can be followed, details of which will be given at the time.

Please ensure that you pass on the contents of this letter to all the parties you have been dealing with – they will in any case receive a copy of the TPO when served.

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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