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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Rothwell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 14, 16 & BUCKSIDE, CHURCH ROAD, CAVERSHAM, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBERS 212/07 & 16/04.

Thank you for your application of 9 May 2018 regarding the trees at 14 Church Road (island). During my visit we discussed further works to trees at 16 Church Road and Buckside (island) which were subsequently added to your application in accordance with your neighbour's wishes.

Further to my visit on 31 May 2018, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your revised application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- Ash (your tree A; part of G1 of TPO 212/07) – coppice due to lean over waterway
- Crack willow (your tree B; part of G1 of TPO 212/07) – removal failing limb over water
- Crack willow (your tree C; part of G1 of TPO 212/07) – remove leaning limb
- 2 No. Crack willows adjacent to footbridge – re-pollard
- Sycamore in rear garden of No. 16 (T2 of TPO 16/04) – crown lift to 4m through 360⁰
- Weeping Willow at Buckside Cottage (island) (T1 of TPO 212/07) – pollard to create a high pollard as indicated on the attached photographs, in order to reduce the weight of the crown hence minimise the chance of failure.

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. The re-pollarding of the two Crack willow and pollarding of the Weeping willow hereby approved shall only be carried out July-August or December-January.

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree.

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. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

4. 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.

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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