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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Pike,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO T1 NORWAY SPRUCE TO THE REAR OF 21 DOWNING ROAD,
PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 164/06**

Thank you for your application dated 11th July 2018, regarding the above.

You applied to 'cut back the overhanging branches to the boundary fence as high as possible (above ground level) and return the cuttings to the owner'.

During our meeting on Wednesday 1st August we agreed that within the remit of the TPO and so as to not cause unacceptable harm to the tree, the cutting back of the lowest four branches over your property would be acceptable. On site you advised that you were happy with this height which would go some way to addressing the problems you have with the tree without causing harm to the wider amenity of the tree.

I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as agreed on our site meeting on 1st August 2018, are **approved** subject to the conditions below:

T1 - Norway Spruce

- Remove four lower branches growing over the garden of 23 Downing Road (please see attached photograph showing the locations of the branches).

Please note that you cannot cut beyond your property boundary without the consent of the tree owner. With regards to the pruned branches these should be offered back to the tree owner however, should the tree owner decline the branches then you will need to dispose of the branches responsibly. You should not leave cut tree branches or garden waste onto a neighbouring property without the prior, expressed consent of the tree owner.



Image 1. Location of branches to be removed.

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. You are advised that this decision is valid for one pruning application as specified to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice after which this consent lapses and a new application will be required.

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

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 of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

4. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

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 Duckworth

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