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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Edwards

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 32 REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your initial email of 19 October and subsequent email of 7 November giving further details of the intended works

During my site visit of 20 November 2018 the proposed works were clarified and discussed. I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Beech (on Morgan Road boundary) – reduce by approximately 2m and remove/reduce minor branches overhang Morgan Road to achieve statutory heights above the pavement (2.75m)
- Norway maple in rear garden (on boundary with No. 34) – reduce back to previous reduction points
- Sweet chestnut in rear garden (on boundary with No. 34) – re-pollard back to previous (higher) pollard points
- Magnolia in front garden – reduce to approximately 6m and re-shape

In relation to the re-pollarding of the Sweet chestnut, this is best done December-January or late July-August to limit the impact on the trees future health. Please note informative 3 for the remaining work.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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