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Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Prince

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO HORSE CHESTNUTS AT 19 PIERCES HILL, READING - PART OF G2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER.

Thank you for your application of 7 June 2018, regarding the above, supported by the Tree Assessment Report.

The report highlights a major structural issue with the eastern-most Chestnut the result of which is a recommendation for a substantial reduction to address the potential safety issues presented by the tree in its current form. Following the reduction of this tree, reduction of the adjacent Chestnut is justifiably recommended due to the resulting wind exposure.

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

- Horse Chestnut (eastern-most tree) – remove sucker growth; reduce canopy to approximately 9m above ground level as indicated in the application photographs.
- Horse chestnut (adjacent to the above) – 2-3m canopy tip reduction, back to suitable growing points.

Please note the conditions below, in particular condition 5 in relation to the timing of the works.

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 works hereby approved shall only be carried out late 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

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

Yours sincerely

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