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Your contact
is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Lee

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT 21B ST PETERS AVENUE, READING - T1 OF
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 26/004.**

Thank you for your application of 3 October 2018, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 16 October 2018, I can confirm that the following proposed works,
as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Overall crown reduction of 1m, back to suitable growing points
- Crown lift to 5.5m through 360° by removing all re-growth from the main branch indicated below (which will remove the majority of low branches) and reducing/removing remaining secondary and tertiary branches to provide the 5.5m clearance above ground level:



Re-growth from main branch to be removed, back to previous pruning points

I note the intention to remove all major dead wood over 50mm in diameter.

Your application notes the presence of a basal cavity but does not provide any detail on this. When probed at the time of my visit, it appeared contained to a fairly small area; the wood being hard around the internal perimeter of the cavity. No fungal fruiting bodies were noted. However, I will leave you to provide any advice you see fit to the owner.



Cavity at base on south-east side of trunk base

As you have not provided the name of your client or their email address; please ensure that you provide them with a copy of this letter for their reference.

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 from December-January or late July-August

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. 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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