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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A FALSE ACACIA (ROBINIA PSEUDOACACIA) TO THE FRONT OF
BLAGRAVE HOUSE, UPPER WARREN AVENUE AND SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION
ORDER NUMBER 319**

Thank you for your application dated 7th August 2018, regarding the above.

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

T1 - False Acacia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

- Crown lift to a height of 4m.
- Reduce branches on western and southern side of canopy in order to give 3m clearance to property.
- Reduce height by 2m.

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 consent is valid for one pruning operation to be undertaken within 2 years of the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.
2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. 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'.
3. 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
4. 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 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,

Sarah Duckworth

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