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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Jackson

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE PINE TREE AT 9 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your Notification of 23 July 2018 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 26 July 2018, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Scots Pine at 9 New Road – prune branches back to the boundary.

Pruning literally level with the boundary is likely to mean that pruning is not in line with good arboricultural practice, i.e. pruning back to suitable growing points, and may leave long sections of branches remaining with little or no foliage. It would be prudent, for the health and appearance of the tree, for you to liaise with the owner to enable pruning to be of whole branches back to the trunk, where wound size is acceptable (generally no larger than 100mm), or pruning back to appropriate points which may be just past your boundary line. Ideally, leaving branches with little or no foliage remaining should be avoided to prevent long, dead stubs remaining.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 3 September 2018.

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. Tree work agreements 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 letter does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or sought permission or will condone the use of Council decisions to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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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