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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Hugo,

RE: SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT ST MICHAELS RECTORY, ROUTH LANE. TILEHURST RG30 4JY.

Further to my site visit of 9th March 2018, I can confirm that the Borough Council raises no objections to the following proposed tree work within the Routh Lane Conservation Area:

- G19 (Orchard Group) - Light formative pruning for future improved scaffold form.
- T9 (Sallow) - Fell and replace with suitable species tree such as Wild Service Tree (*Sorbus torminalis*) at 12-14cm girth.
- T23 (Yew) - Remove to allow better development of T22 (Yew)

Informatives

1. T8 (Lombardy Poplar) You have suggested that your client might 'consider felling and replacing this tree with a 12-14cm Field Maple'. At this point without further confirmation you client wishes to proceed with this suggestion, it has been taken as being a note to your client and has not been considered a specific tree works specification as part of this Section 211 notification.

2. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses and new 6-week notification will be required.

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 pruning 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(s).

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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