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Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Harmer

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 19 TOWER CLOSE, EMMER GREEN,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 33/002.**

Thank you for your application of 17th May 2018, regarding the above.

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

Approved Works to trees within Woodland 1 of TPO 33//02

- 3x Oaks - Crown lift trees (removing the shoots back to the main trunk using sharp hand tools) to a height of 4-5m.
- 1x Ash (centrally located nearer the property) with a large column of decay up to 3m with a cavity at least 1.2m high from ground level with very slender residual walls. Fell to ground level.
- 1x Ash on the western boundary also has decay at the base which was originally associated with the removal of a second trunk at ground level. Reduce the tree by no more than 1/3 overall height using suitable reduction points and to reduce the wind loading and canopy weight.
- Ash which has the decay fungus *Inonotus hispidus*. Fell by reducing the tree to a standing monolith above the point of the cavity (to keep the cavity roofed and dry) and retain to provide habitat for local fauna and invertebrates.

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

3. Following the felling of the two tree(s) authorised by this consent, 2x native broadleaf trees a minimum of 2-3m tall shall be planted within the woodland area to the rear of the property during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

The species should be agreed prior to planting in writing with the Borough Council.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014

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Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

Informatives

1. 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’.

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 030 6000

3. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

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

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