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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Jones

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE LIME TREE AT MOUNT WARREN, UPPER WARREN AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 319.

Thank you for your application of 3 January 2018, regarding the above and subsequent email of 8 January 2018 further clarifying the proposed works. Your application seeks approval to:

- Reduce the overall crown by 2-2.5m (where the crown has been reduced in the past)
- Reduce previously reduced stems/laterals, where these have over-developed stems from the reduction points, by 2-2.5m
- Reduce laterals growing towards the property by 2-2.5m
- Crown lift to 3-4m above ground level (including removal of basal and epicormic growth)

As you are aware, works were recently approved to the Lime tree in question – application reference 172030/TPO. That application approved the following works:

- Lime in the front garden (on the boundary with 'The Limes') – crown reduction back to previous reduction points; reduction on one branch growing towards the properties in line with adjacent reduced branches; crown lift to 3-4m above ground level removing minor branches only

From your email of 8 January 2018, it is agreed that this current application therefore (in terms of additional work, i.e. work not yet approved) only includes the reduction of the laterals growing towards the property.

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

- Reduce laterals growing towards the property by 2-2.5m as indicated in your application photographs.

For the purposed of clarification, all other work applied for is also approved by virtue of previous approval 172030/TPO; your current application providing a more detailed specification for that work.

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 in Dec-mid February 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. 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

4. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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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