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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Ward,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO LIME AT THE FRONT OF 20 AND 20A ST PETERS HILL
AND PROTECTED AS T3 AND T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 127/008**

Thank you for your application dated 12th September 2018 and received on 20th September 2018, regarding the above.

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

- T3 & T4 - Pollard back to old pollard points (Please note condition 1).

Conditions

1. Pollarding is the removal of all branch tips back to previous pruning points. Cuts will be made above the established pollard knuckles taking care not to damage or remove the knuckles.

Reason: To reduce harm to the long term health and vitality of the tree as a result of the pruning work.

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. 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.

4. The works hereby approved shall only be carried out within the winter months (December to February) or Summer months (July to August) taking into account tree's phenological cycle.

Reason: To avoid unnecessary harm to the future health of the tree.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for one pruning operation to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

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

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

Sarah Duckworth

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