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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Walters

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT WELLSWOOD GARDENS, UPPER REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 16/12.

Thank you for your application of 11 June 2018, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 2 July 2018 and Jake Bailey's (of RPS) email of 16 July 2018 providing clarification on the works to the Arizona Ash (3034), I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- Arizona Ash (tree 3034 on JFL Tree Survey & Retention Plan 31-1017.01-E) – reduce major, low limb on the south-east side back to the indicative pruning point shown, retaining a portion of the limb with epicormic growth.
The intended removal of dead wood from the central crown area is noted.
- London Plane (tree 3070 on JFL Tree Survey & Retention Plan 31-1017.01-E) – crown lift tertiary branches less than 3cm diameter only back to growth point at parent branch to provide 2.5m clearance above ground level.
The intended removal of the attached dead branch and hanging dead branch are noted.

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 relates to implementation of the approved works on one occasion only and 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

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. 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. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or 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 Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Jake Bailey, RPS (via email)