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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs. Williams,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT THE REAR OF 22 TOWER CLOSE, READING
- SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 33/02.**

Thank you for your application dated 31st May 2018, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Friday 8th June 2018, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved works

- Oak - This tree is dead therefore consent is not required to remove the tree (see informative 1).
- Ash - Tree in decline with stem cavity. Fell or reduce to just above the cavity and retain for habitat value.

For information: to ensure maximum habitat value the tree should be cut above the cavities so that the internal space remains dry.

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. Following the felling of the Ash tree (s) authorised by this consent, 1x native tree a minimum of 1.5m tall shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

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 trees within a Tree Preservation Order: This does not require the formal consent of the Council; however you are advised to give notice to the Council 5 days' notice of the intended works (which has been noted on this occasion). Where a tree 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'. In such circumstances you are advised to take photographs as evidence which confirm the condition of the tree(s).

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

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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