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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs. Quinn,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A BEECH TREE ON LAND TO THE REAR OF 2 DELLWOOD PARK, CAVERSHAM - PROTECTED AS T13 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 16/15.

Thank you for your application dated 7th March 2018, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on Wednesday 18th April, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as amended in your email dated 20th April 2018, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Works (as amended)

Beech (T13 of TPO 16/15):

- Crown lift of outer branch tips to give 4m clearance above ground level. This work will require a reduction of smaller secondary branches only, under 50mm diameter using hand tools. The lowest, short branch growing over the garden of 2 Dellwood Park would be excluded from this work as it has no suitable reduction point.
- Crown thin the canopy by up to 15%.

Conditions

1. The works to T13 (Beech) hereby approved shall only be undertaken during the summer months (June - August) when the tree's reserves are at their peak or during the winter months (December - February) during the period of dormancy. On no account should any significant canopy works be undertaken to the tree in the months immediately before or after leaf break when the tree's energy reserves are lowest.

Reason: Taking into account the trees phenological cycle in order to minimise the impact

the permitted work will have on the long term health and vitality of the tree.

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 to trees.

Informatives

1. 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.

2. 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'.

3. 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

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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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