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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Kevern

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 23 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email Notification of 1 November 2017 with associated photographs of the trees in question.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- T1 Eucalyptus – fell. The tree is a poor specimen, not in keeping with the character of the conservation area and is causing damage to the adjacent brick wall hence is not worthy of a TPO
- T2 Horse chestnut sapling – fell. Due to its size, its amenity value is negligible hence it is not worthy of a TPO.
- T3 Fig – Reduce height by approximately 5ft

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 13 December 2017, unless required for urgent health & safety requirements.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Please ensure that your client receives a copy of this letter without undue delay.

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

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