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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Redmond,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND ST 62 OAK TREE ROAD AND, SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/17

Thank you for your application dated 14/5/2018, regarding the above.

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

6 No. Beech - reduce all overhanging branches back to the boundary line to the full height of the trees.

As discussed on site, branches should ideally be pruned back to a suitable growing point in line with good arboricultural practice. I therefore recommend that you advise the owner of your intention to carry out the work (out of courtesy) and check if they are happy for pruning to be just within their boundary (past your boundary line), if it means a branch can be pruned to an appropriate point.

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. 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. 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

2. 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

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.

4. You are advised that this decision is valid for one approved 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.

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

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