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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Lambert,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A BEECH ON LAND AT 15 CEDARWOOD CRESCENT PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 87/003

Thank you for your application dated 23rd July 2018, regarding the above.

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

T1 Beech

- Crown clean removing any dead / dying / diseased / broken / crossing and rubbing / weakly attached or low vigour branches.
- Crown lift outer branch tips 360° around tree canopy to no more than 1m above the existing gutter height by removing secondary branches (up to 100mm diameter).
- Crown thin (outer tips) by up to 15%.

In addition to the works applied for, the following works are also permitted -

- Prune canopy where required to give no more than 2m clearance to property and roof.

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. 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

3. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.
Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for one pruning application to be undertaken within 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
4. 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

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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