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is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Balchin

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO SYCAMORE TREES AT HEAMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/004.**

Thank you for your application of 18 January 2018, regarding the above.

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

- Fell two young Sycamore trees, as identified on the map and photographs accompanying the application.

Both trees are young, one growing in a crowded group close to a boundary. There will no impact on the amenity value provided by the woodland from the removal of these trees. However, I mindful of the fact that the TPO is a 'woodland' TPO so excessive tree removal in forthcoming years will be resisted without evidence of proactive woodland management, nurturing of good, young trees and planting/re-planting.

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. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

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 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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