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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Sarah,

RE: SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREES FROWING TO THE FRONT OF 16-40 LONDON ROAD AND SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree works notification dated 20th February 2018.

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

T15 - T18 Sorbus, T20 - T22 Lime, T23 - T26 - Sorbus to the front of 16-40 London Road, Reading.

- Carry out formative pruning on these 12 trees to ensure future compatibility with the site, surroundings and usage. Evenly reduce lateral spreads by pruning back to suitable secondary branches to ensure a 2m clearance from the building - this should equate to approximately 0.5m to 1m of crown spread.
- Lift crowns to a height of 3m above ground level by a combination of removing smaller branches back to source and by removing branch tips only where appropriate.
- Reduce back any lateral branches blocking adjacent street lamps (particularly on T17 Sorbus). Remove any deadwood and damaged branches and thin crowns by a maximum of 10% retaining an even density of foliage throughout a well-spaced and balanced branch structure for each tree.
- All pruning cuts will be made at branch junctions, leaving sufficient live growth to maintain or enhance crown form and the work will be carried out by qualified tree surgeons to BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations.

You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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