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Your contact
is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Rowland

**RE: PROPOSED WORK TO TREES AT 26 ZINZNAN STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO
CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2018 advising us of your intention to fell one tree. Following subsequent emails and my site visit of 28 November 2018, we established that you wished to remove/fell two multi-stemmed dead trees in the rear garden.

I can confirm that a notification of works is not required for the following reason(s):

- The trees are dead

Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect two replacement trees to be planted in the rear garden in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling of a species suitable for the size of the garden, i.e. small-medium.

We discussed potential replacement planting during my visit. As advised, I do not think the relocation of the two small trees/large shrubs you showed me to the rear boundary would be feasible due to their size. I understand that following clearance of the two trees in question and other undergrowth, you are intending to replace the rear boundary fence and wish to plant up this boundary for screening purposes, hence wish evergreen

vegetation to be planted. There are a number of evergreen shrubs that are available as small trees which provide 'stilted screening', i.e. they can be provided in a form where the foliage starts at the top of the fence height, thereby taking up less room on the ground but providing screening at the height you want it. Examples are:

- Prunus laurocerasus 'Magnolifolia' (a form of Laurel with large, glossy leaves; reaches approx. 6m high)
- Prunus laurocerasus 'Novita' (a form of Laurel, leaves thinner than 'Magnolifolia'; produces white flowers; good for bees; 5-7m high at maturity)
- Ligustrum japonicum (Japanese Tree Privet; 3-8m high at maturity)
- Photinia x fraseri Red Robin (white flowers; new foliage coloured red; 3-8m high at maturity)

If you are concerned about the security of your rear boundary, you may wish to plant some shrubs with spiky leaves or thorns for 'defensive' planting.

Thank you for consulting us on this matter.

If you would like any further information about this letter or our procedures or 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