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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr & Mrs D'Cruz

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE MAPLE TREE AT 9 ELDON SQUARE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Further to the email of 6 June 2018 sent on your behalf, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Maple on west boundary overhanging 9 Eldon Road – reduce height by 2m and re-shape to maintain a flowing canopy line; crown thin to provide more light through the crown.

In relation to crown thinning, it is best to ensure this is done to good arboricultural practice (BS3998:2010) and not by an excessive amount, particularly when done at the same time as a crown reduction, to minimise the impact on the tree's future health. Please bear in mind that crown thinning can increase wind movement through a tree's crown leading to an increased chance of branch breakage.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 18 July 2018.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it 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

3. 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

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer