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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Harrison

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A PINE TO THE FRONT OF 52 CHAZEY ROAD, CAVERSHAM
READING - PROTECTED AS T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/11.**

Thank you for your application of 15th March 2018, regarding the above.

Your initial application proposed the removal of the lower branch of a Pine (T4 of TPO 10/11) in order to provide reasonable clearance over the public highway.

As I advised you via email this is a fairly substantial branch in the overall structure of the tree with a diameter of around 1/3 of that of the main trunk. Removing this branch as proposed would create a large wound adjacent to the trunk which would act as an entry point for decay pathogens.

Having viewed the Pine, I agreed that parts of the branch are low over the highway and as such tree works would be appropriate to give adequate clearance for pedestrians and vehicles. However, the nuisance could be alleviated by a lesser reduction of the branch rather than the removal of the branch in its entirety which would be much better for the long term health of the tree.

You confirmed that you were happy with this advice and that you wished to amend your application to include a crown lift up to 2.7m above ground level where required around the canopy to enable pedestrian access and to 5.5m over the public highway.

I can confirm that the following revised tree work schedule as agreed via email dated 28th March 2018 is approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Works

T4 Pine of TPO 11/10: Reduce branch tips only where necessary to provide clearance from ground level of up to 2.7m over the footpath and garden for pedestrian access and 5.5m over the road.

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

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. This approved tree work schedule supersedes the original tree work proposed by Mr Harrison in his TPO application dated 15th March 2018. The tree work hereby approved must not exceed the revised tree work specification as stated in this decision letter also as confirmed via email by Mr. Harrison on 28th March 2018.

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.

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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