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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO FOUR TREES AT 86 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your Notification of 26 March 2018 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 17 April 2018, I have the following comments:

The sketch plan provided with your application did not accurately reflect the situation on site, particularly in relation to the position of G2, however the applicant was able to confirm the trees in question during my visit. The Cherry did not seem 'over mature for its location' but works are reasonable to re-form its leggy crown and to prune away from the telephone wires. The Yew appears to be a healthy, specimen tree and any works should be done sensitively to maintain a good crown shape.

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

- Cherry in front garden – crown reduction of approximately 2.5m from the branch tips to provide a better form and clear the above telephone wires.
- Yew tree in rear garden – crown lift to 3m above ground level and reduce by approximately 2.5m from the branch tips
- Two dead trees on the southern boundary, west of the Yew tree - fell

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 7 May 2018, unless required for health & safety reasons.

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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