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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Frost

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE MAPLE AT 9 CONISBORO AVENUE, READING - T2 OF
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 61/004.**

Thank you for your application of 7 February 2018, regarding the above.

Further to our meeting of 7 March 2018 with Mr Gilchrist, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T2 Maple – fell.

The tree is not of particularly good form, having 3 main stems from the ground. There is dead wood present in the crown and I understand branches have been falling to the garden. In terms of amenity, its value is limited when viewed from the road as it is mostly hidden by the adjacent Tree of Heaven and as such the removal of the Maple would not have a significant impact on the amenity of the locality.

During our meeting we discussed the need for a replacement tree. Whilst Rowan trees have been indicated, I understand that this is not yet fixed in the garden design but that your client is happy to plant a native species. I have therefore worded condition 4 accordingly.

As advised during our meeting, extreme care should be taken during ground work associated with the garden re-design to ensure the root systems of protected trees are not detrimentally affected.

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

3. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses

4. Following the felling of the Maple tree authorised by this consent, one native, broadleaved tree of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m in height shall be planted within the rear garden during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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

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

Tel: 0117 372 8192

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

number.

Yours sincerely

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