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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Arnold

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE CHERRY TREE AT 5 IBSTONE AVENUE, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 79/01.**

Thank you for your application of 16 August 2017, regarding the above.

During my visit on 1 September 2017, the poor condition of the mature Cherry tree was noted. I discussed the condition of the tree with you on 8 September 2017 and we agreed that pruning was not prudent and would probably hasten the decline of the tree. I understand that you had suggested felling to Mrs Webb as the most appropriate option. Whenever a tree works application is received, we take the opportunity to re-assess whether a TPO is appropriate and it was determined that in this case if a TPO was being considered on the tree, it would not be deemed as worthy of protection due to its condition. During my conversation with Mrs Webb on 8 September 2017 it was agreed that the application would be amended to felling, which I confirmed in an email to you on the same date. I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your amended application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Cherry tree – fell due to declining, poor condition

I discussed replacement with Mrs Webb and advised that we would be attaching a condition to secure this (see below). It would appear that if a new tree is not considered

feasible to the east of the property (where the Cherry is), then planting to the west in the lawn area would seem a reasonable solution. We would only expect a species of small-medium size, i.e. of near equal ultimate stature to the Cherry. I understand that Mrs Webb may discuss this further with you.

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 Cherry tree authorised by this consent, one replacement tree of 10-12cm girth and 3-3.5m in height shall be planted within the curtilage of the property during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest. The species should be agreed with the Council.

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. 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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