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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Curtis-Connelly,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT UNIT 1 ARENA BUSINESS PARK, ACRE ROAD,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 28/03.**

Thank you for your application dated 1st November 2017 regarding the above.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Works

Within Group 1:

- G1(1) False Acacia - Remove deadwood. Reduce secondary stem overhang building roof back to 1m above the nearest major branch fork (approximately 7m above ground level) in order to provide 2m clearance to building.
- G1(2) False Acacia - Remove deadwood and sucker growth. Reduce lower lateral branch overhang the highway by 3m.
- G1(3) False Acacia - Clear sucker growth around base remove deadwood and reduce branch tips to give 2.5 clearance to property.

T1 Tree of Heaven - Reduce branch tips to give 2.5m clearance to property and crown lift to 4m over the adopted highway.

T2 Tree of Heaven Remove secondary branches within 2.5m of canopy roof back to source as required in order to reduce overhang of the property and provide reasonable clearance,

whilst providing a natural looking canopy shape. No pruning cuts to exceed 100mm in accordance with BS:3998. Crown lift to 4m over the public highway.

T3 - False Acacia

Dead Tree - Fell to ground level. (*Please refer to informative no. 4 below*)

T4 - False Acacia

Remove suckering growth below 9m and one secondary branch on the south (building) side of the stem back to the main trunk. Reduce canopy overhang the roof by up to 2m to give reasonable clearance to the building.

Within Group 2:

G2(1) Pine - Reduce suckering growth below 9m and one secondary branch on the south (building) side of the stem back to the main trunk. Reduce canopy overhang the roof by up to 2m to give reasonable clearance to the building.

G2(2) Pine - Poor specimen tree to be removed in order to provide reasonable clearance between the tree canopies and property. Fell leaning and suppressed tree in contact with adjacent building. The Borough Council agrees that this tree has no amenity value and does not form any significant part of the shared canopy cover of the adjacent trees.

G2(3) Pine - Reduce outer canopy by up to 2m to prevent branches overhanging the air condition unit.

G2(4) Pine - Crown lift by removing the five lower branches to clear the shrub border. Reduce southern lateral branch in order to provide 2m clearance to the property

Within Group 3:

G3 (1-3) Pines - Crown lift to 3m taking previously reduced branches and new growth back to the main trunk.

Within Group 4:

G4 (1-13) Maple - Reduce trees to give 2.5m clearance to buildings.

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. 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. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. 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. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner or sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.
4. Removal of any dead or dangerous protected tree: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However you are required to give 5 days notice of the work where it is not an emergency, to allow the Council to agree that the proposed works are exempt from requiring consent. The exception is where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', in which case you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

Once felling of a dead or dangerous tree has been carried out, the owner has a duty under Section 201(b) of the Town & Country Planning Act to replant another tree of an appropriate size and species in the same place as soon as they reasonable can. This replacement tree will be covered by the existing Tree Preservation Order. The new tree would be subject to the same requirements for a tree works application if you intend to carry out works upon it in the future.

5. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.
6. You are advised that this consent is valid for a period of years from the date of this latter, following which date it will lapse and a new application will be required.

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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