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20th September 2017

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Rigg,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO AN ASH AT THE ROEBUCK PUBLIC HOUSE, 37 AUCKLAND ROAD, READING - PROTECTED AS T2 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 21/16.

Thank you for your application dated 9th September 2017, regarding the above.

You applied to undertake the following works:

Ash Tree -Prune away from building, damaging roof tiles and guttering - apply to cut back. Give 3m clear from unit.

However, as I advised you via email, the Borough Council considered this tree work specification to be unacceptably vague for the purposes of a tree works application. Therefore in order to ensure no ambiguity in the interpretation of the permitted works by the contractor, I suggested your application be re-worded, the revised specification being agreed with you and approved by you via email on 20th September 2017.

Approved works (specification as amended)

Ash (T2)

Crown lift to give 3m clearance from ground level and 5.5m over the public highway (to allow unimpeded pedestrian and vehicular access). Reduce branch tips where required to give 2-3m clearance to buildings taking secondary and tertiary branches back to source where appropriate. (pruning cuts will not exceed 35mm diameter).

I can confirm that the amended tree work specification as agreed via email, are approved subject to the conditions below:

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. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses.

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 030 6000

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

4. 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 of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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,

Sarah Duckworth

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