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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr. Terndrup,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT 11 BASINGSTOKE ROAD, READING - RG2 0EW AND SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 65/05.

Thank you for your application of 8th March 2018, regarding the above.

I went to visit the property on 16th March 2018 and I noted that T1 - Red oak and T2 (T4 of TPO 65/05) Cedar already have a very high canopy.

The proposed crown lift of 3m which you applied for on 8th March 2018 would have raised the canopy above that of the natural branching structure and could have resulted in the removal of larger branches and / or harm to the amenity of the tree(s).

As there was no detailed specification provided which might limit the size of the pruning cuts that would result from this work specification or any information as to why this work may be required by your client, I raised concerns as to the potential for harm to the protected trees which might arise from this work.

Following our communication on the 22nd March 2018, you have confirmed that you and your client are happy to amend your application and the proposed tree work in order to reduce the extent of the proposed crown lift and thus limit the potential for harm to the health and / or amenity of these protected trees. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

I can confirm that the following modified tree work schedule as agreed with you via email on 22nd March 2018, is approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Work (as amended):

Works to T1 - Red Oak, T2 & T3- Sycamore and T4 - Cedar of TPO 65/05

- Crown-lift by pruning or removing at source secondary and tertiary branches under 50mm in diameter to give 5.5m clearance over the roadway and parking areas. Under this specification, minimal work will be required on T4 (Cedar). In addition, pruning work to T4 (Cedar) to clear the streetlight by 2m using suitable reduction points. In all cases, pruning cuts should not exceed 50mm.

Conditions

1. 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

2. 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 and a new application will be required.

2. This approved tree work schedule supersedes the original tree work proposed by Mr Terndrup in his TPO application dated 8th March 2018. The tree work hereby approved must not exceed the revised tree work specification as stated in this decision letter also as proposed to Mr. Terndrup in my email on 16th March 2018 and confirmed via email by Mr. Terndrup on 22nd March 2018.

3. 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'.

4. 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.

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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