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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mrs Reilly

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE PLANE TREE AT 23 ELDON SQUARE, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 150/05.

Thank you for your application of 24 January 2018, regarding the above, and your subsequent email of 27 March 2018 clarifying the proposed works.

Following my visit on 4 April 2018 you confirmed that the annotated photographs provided in my email of the same date accurately demonstrated the work you had envisaged. I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and email and clarified in my email, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- T1 Plane – crown lift to 5.5m over Eldon Terrace by the removal of non-primary branches only; reduction of one branch over Eldon Terrace back to previous reduction points and removal on one minor branch above this; reduction of remaining branches over Eldon Terrace to provide 2m clearance from 21 Eldon Terrace; reduction of the sides of the remaining crown by a maximum of 2m.

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. 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

5. The works hereby approved shall not be carried out in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall.

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree.

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

3. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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 Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer