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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Thompson

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO MAPLE TREES AT 162 CASTLE HILL, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your email of 4 December 2017 regarding the above and the subsequent photographs of the trees in question and the wall damage.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 2 No. Maples on the rear boundary – fell.

The trees are in close proximity to the wall on the perimeter of the listed property, causing evident damage. Whilst they provide greenery and some amenity value (although limited) to the Conservation Area, they are not specimen trees and the wall is a part of the setting.

The loss of trees in the conservation area is unfortunate as trees, generally, make a significant contribution to its character. You may like to consider carrying out some new replanting in the rear garden to help maintain tree coverage.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 15 January 2017 unless required urgently for health and safety reasons.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

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

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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