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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Pether

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO THREE TREES AT 112 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your tree work Notification of 16 December 2018 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 18 January 2018, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- T1 Apple – reduce and thin crown to encourage healthy growth and fruiting. This tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and the presence of fungal fruiting bodies also make a reduction prudent.
- T2 Holly – fell. Whilst this tree is visible from Hamilton Road and contributes to the general verdant character of the area, it is not a particularly large specimen whose removal would have a significant impact on the area and is close to the neighbouring property.
- T3 Fig – remove oldest/tallest branches at close to ground level. This tree provides minimal amenity value to the conservation area hence the works are not considered to be detrimental to the area.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 27 January 2018.

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

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

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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