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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Mackay

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO A WILLOW TO THE REAR OF MALLARDS, THE WARREN
PROTECTED AS T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 89/07.**

Thank you for your application dated 15th March 2018 regarding the above and the accompanying photographs.

I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

Approved Tree Work

T1 - Willow

Reduce back to previous pruning cuts (pollarding points). Reduce one limb which has died back (back to healthy wood) and remove deadwood.

Conditions

1. The re-pollard tree work to T1 (Willow) hereby approved shall only be undertaken during the summer months (July / August) when the tree's reserves are at their peak or during the winter months (January / February) during the period of dormancy. On no account should the re-pollarding works be undertaken in the months immediately before or after leaf break when the tree's energy reserves are lowest.

Reason: Taking into account the trees phenological cycle in order to minimise the impact the permitted work will have on the long term health of the tree.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations. Care will be taken not to damage or remove any established pollard knuckles as part of the pruning work.

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 to trees.

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. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. 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'.

3. 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

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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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