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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Matthews

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE OAK TREE AT 5 CHILTERN HEIGHTS, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 4/10.

Thank you for your application of 18 September 2017, enclosing the Tree Inspection Report from Fulford-Dobson Associates Ltd.

Further to my visit on 19 October 2017, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as recommended in the Report, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- T1 Oak – Reduce the lateral spread in the upper crown by 1-1.5m and reduce the lateral spread in the lower and mid crown by 1.5-2m, leaving final pruning cuts of no more than 75mm diameter at suitable growing points

As discussed during our meeting, the Tree Inspection Report does not specifically clarify what is considered to be the upper, mid and low crown, e.g. by annotated photographs. I therefore attached annotated versions of photographs I took during my visit for reference.

Please note informative 3 in relation to timing.

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

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 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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