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Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs Gaze,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 3X BIRCH TO THE REAR OF 28 KENDRICK ROAD - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Further to my site visit of 4th October 2017, I can confirm that the Council have raised no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Silver Birch - at the far end of the garden. This is an etiolated and spindly tree with sparse foliage. The Borough Council has identified the tree has no wider public amenity value and does not meet the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time.

During my site visit, you also highlighted two dead Silver Birches along the northern boundary of the rear garden. I can confirm that these trees are dead and your intent to fell them has been noted, thank you.

Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect 2x replacement trees of a minimum 'standard' size (2.0m high) to be planted within your property (front or back) in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling.

If you feel that the duty to replant should be dispensed with in this case, please write to the Council within 28 days of the date of this letter with justification for the request.

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

Informatives

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Duckworth

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