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19th September 2017

Your contact is:

Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mrs. Steward,

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT THE STATION ROAD SHOPPING PARK,
VASTERN ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 3/06**

Thank you for your application dated 19th September 2017 regarding the above.

You have applied to undertake the following works:

- T1 (Acer) - cut back branches to clear sign and building by 1-1.5m, raise crown to 3.5m from ground level, major deadwood to be removed. (T3 of the TPO 3/06)
- T2 (London Plane) - Crown is to be raised to 5m from ground level, lamp column cleared of all branches by 1.5m, units to be cleared of all branches by 3m & major deadwood removed. (T1 of the TPO 3/06)
- T3 (Acer) - Crown to be raised to 4.5m from ground level, units to be cleared of all branches by 3m & major deadwood removed. (T2 of the TPO 3/06)
- T4 (Acer) - crown to be raised to 4.5m from ground level. Unit to be cleared of all branches by 2m and major deadwood to be removed. (Not subject of a TPO)

I have been to site to view the trees in relation to your application. I have identified that these are medium sized trees growing in close proximity to buildings. The proposed work represents a fairly sizeable reduction in the trees' overall canopies given their current moderate size.

Although I agree that some pruning work is required to the trees, the specification of the work proposed is excessive given the smaller stature of the trees. The reductions and crown lifts proposed would fundamentally alter the trees visual symmetry and amenity value. The work would create larger pruning cuts in the structural frame work of the

trees which can act as entry points for decay pathogens.

In view of this, your application has been refused with lesser works approved. The reduced works which are approved represent only a very minor change to the works which you have applied for however given the size and shape of the tree these minor amendments represent a considerable volume of canopy retained and is therefore considered to be more appropriate.

Approved works

- T1 (Acer) - cut back branches to clear sign and building by 1-1.5m, raise crown to 3.0m from ground level, major deadwood to be removed. (T3 of the TPO 3/06)
- T2 (London Plane) - Crown is to be raised to 3.5m from ground level and 5.5m over the public highway, lamp column cleared of all branches by 1.5m, units to be cleared of all branches by 2m & major deadwood removed. (T1 of the TPO 3/06)
- T3 (Acer) - Crown to be raised to 3.5m from ground level, units to be cleared of all branches by 2m & major deadwood removed. (T2 of the TPO 3/06)

(Revisions to your original tree work schedule have been underlined)

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. 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. 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. 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

3. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

If you wish to appeal against the refusal of consent or 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, Trees and Hedges, 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: 0303 444 5584

If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of this refusal of consent, you may be entitled to recover compensation from the Council. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Insurance Section, Reading Borough Council, Civic Centre, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU.

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

Yours sincerely

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