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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Jones

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE CONIFER AT 5 DOWNSHIRE SQUARE AND ONE HOLLY AT 7 DOWNSHIRE SQUARE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your Notification of 7 September 2017 regarding the above.

As confirmed in our exchange of emails of 12 September and the email from Mr Fielding of the same date, the works to the Holly have been added to the Notification following submission.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Holly in the rear garden of 7 Downshire Square – cut back to boundary (as was done in 2014 – ref 140026)
- Conifer on rear boundary – fell due to damage being caused to the driveway in Florida Court. The tree is, in any case, not worthy of a Tree preservation Order.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 19 October 2017 unless required for urgent health and safety reasons.

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

In relation to works to the Holly, it is recommended, out of courtesy, that you or Mr & Mrs Fielding advise the owner of the intention to cut back the branches.

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

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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr & Mrs Fielding, 5 Downshire Square