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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr MacDonald

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO CEDAR TREES AT 4 & 5 BEXLEY COURT, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 156/07.

Thank you for your application of 1 June 2017 and accompanying Tree Inspection Report dated 31 May 2017 from Duckworths Arboriculture.

Further to my visit on 29 June 2017, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in the recommendations in section 4 of the report and as discussed on site, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Cedar in rear garden of 5 Bexley Court (T1 of application; southern-most Cedar in G1 of TPO 156/07) – reduce extended lower lateral branch growing south towards Maldon Close up to 4m to suitable growing points as indicated in the report photo; crown clean (remove dead, diseased, dysfunctional, crossing/rubbing branches).
- Cedar in rear garden of 5 Bexley Court (T2 of application; part of G1 of TPO 156/07 immediately north of T1 of application) – Crown clean (remove dead, diseased, dysfunctional, crossing/rubbing branches).
- Cedar at the front of 4 Bexley Court (T4 of application; part of G1 of TPO 156/07) – reduce split lateral limb (as identified in report photo) with weak fork over the access drive by 2m in length along all tips.

In relation to crown cleaning please note condition 5 below.

With regard to dead wood, formal approval is not required for its removal – note informative 1 below.

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

5. Crown cleaning should not include the removal of fused natural braces (branches or stems), or the removal of entwining branches or rubbing branches (where they may be forming a natural brace) from the crown of a semi-mature to fully mature tree without carrying out an assessment of any junctions formed below such natural braces.

Reason: Removal of natural braces may lead to failure of weak unions.

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. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission

must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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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