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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Wastle

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE OAK TREE AT 64 LOWFIELD ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 65/01.

Thank you for your application of 4 July 2017, regarding the above.

As you will be aware, I viewed the tree on 20 June 2017 following the limb failure and suggested that an overall crown reduction would be reasonable. I suggested in my subsequent letter to Mr Clements that a climbing inspection be carried out in order to guide the extent of reduction proposed. It is not clear from your application whether this was carried out or how the proposed 2m was determined; the only comment being that consent for pollarding was unlikely to be given. However, I assume that you are satisfied, as much as it is possible to be, that the reduction proposed is sufficient to address the weak branch attachments that have been identified. I would expect the Council to approve future reductions back to the points created during the work.

Further to my visit on 20 June 2017, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below:

- Oak in front garden – Crown reduce through 360° by 2m

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. The works hereby approved shall only be carried out late July-August or December-January

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree.

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

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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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr Clements, 64 Lowfield Road