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Your contact is: Mark Harrison, Planning and Building Control

Dear Miss Makepeace

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT PARKSIDE, PARKSIDE ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 63/03 (T2).

Thank you for your application of, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 5 December 2017, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application have been refused on the grounds that a crown reduction of the entire canopy is unnecessary to maintain clearance from the adjacent building and would reduce the amenity provided to the local area.

- 1 no. Plane tree to the centre of the eastern boundary reference T2 (TPO 63/03)
 - Overall crown reduction of 2.5 m.

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.

The council hereby consent to the following works subject to the conditions listed below:

- 1 no. Plane tree to the centre of the eastern boundary reference T2 (TPO 63/03)
 - Reduce the length of the lateral branches on the building side of the tree to allow a maximum of 2 m clearance retaining the shape and habit of the species.
 - Crown raise to 4 m

Conditions

1. 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

2. This decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses.

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

4. Details of the tree work authorised by this consent shall be agreed on site with the Local Authority before such works are commenced.

Reason: To ensure that there is no ambiguity about the details of the works for which consent had been given.

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 030 6000

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

4. 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.

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

If you wish to appeal against our refusal for an overall crown reduction 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, 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

Please ensure your client is provided with a copy of this letter without undue delay.

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

Yours sincerely

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