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Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Price,

SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORK TO TREE(S) ON LAND AT 12 ST. JOHN'S STREET, READING AND WITHIN THE ELDON SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA

Thank you for your email and accompanying photographs. I can confirm that the Council raises no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Pagoda tree - Canopy reduction, removing all canopy and branch growth back to 1m above the first structural fork.

The Borough Council has identified that this tree is a large mature specimen growing notably close to adjacent residential properties. Branches and foliage are coming into direct contact with these buildings. The amenity of the tree is as viewed by the adjacent residents only. The tree is obscured by the surrounding terraced houses and cannot be seen from the public highway.

Topping the tree just above the branch fork as proposed, is considered to be major tree work and you are advised that it will have a long lasting detriment to the health and structural integrity of the tree.

However, the Borough Council agrees that some reduction of the tree's canopy is required to clear the neighbouring properties. The Borough Council has also determined that the proposed work will not have any detriment to the verdant character of the Conservation Area and that the tree does not have the amenity value to merit inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order at this time.

Informatives

1. Please be aware that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses and a further notification 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. 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

Sarah Duckworth

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