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Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Challice

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND REAR OF 35A UPPER REDLANDS ROAD,
READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Notification of 17 May 2017 regarding the above.

Further to my site visit of 22 May 2017, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Fell 4 No. multi-stemmed Sycamore on the New Road boundary
- Fell 4 No. False acacia

Due to their form and close proximity to the wall, the Sycamores are not considered worthy of a TPO. The False acacia provide limited amenity value due to their small size and are also not considered worthy of a TPO.

As you will appreciate, tree coverage is important in the urban environment and contributes to the verdant character of a Conservation Area. The removal of the 4 Sycamore in particular will be noticeable and will change the character of that section of New Road. I hope that the University will consider suitable new tree planting once the wall is repaired.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 28 June 2017, unless there are valid health and safety reasons to do so.

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

Informatives

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr Edmund Smith, University of Reading (via email)