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4th October 2017

Your contact is: Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr. Butterfield,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES ON LAND AT HERON ISLAND, CAVERSHAM, - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 87/05

Thank you for your application dated 15th September 2017 regarding the above.

I can confirm that the proposed tree works, as detailed in your tree works application ref. 171616, are approved subject to the conditions below:

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. 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.
3. Following the felling of T2 (Ash) and T3 (False Acacia) authorised by this consent, 1x *Acer freemanii* 'Autumn Blaze' 12-14 girth and 1x *Alnus incana* 12-14 girth shall be planted in the locations highlighted in your TPO application plan during the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of the felling of the tree, whichever is soonest.

Planting should be carried out in accordance with clause 10 (Planting) of BS 8545:2014 'Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations'

Should the replacement tree be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it shall be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Team.

PLEASE NOTE: The requirement to replant is the responsibility of the tree owner even if the application was submitted by another person.

Reason: To retain the present visual amenity value of the area and ensure continuity of tree coverage.

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 030 6000.

2. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this notice after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

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.

4. 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'.

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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