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Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Miss Evans

**RE: PROPOSED FELLING OF TWO TREES AT 173-175 KINGS ROAD, READING, RG1 4EX -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your tree works Notification of 22 November 2017, regarding the above.

The retention, removal and replacement of trees at the site were considered under planning applications 151116/FUL, 160220/APPCON and 160775/FUL. During the processing of these applications the removal of the Norway Maple on the frontage (your tree 1) was agreed as it is not a specimen tree, albeit the tree survey submitted showed this as a Sycamore. The Goat Willow at the rear was not shown on the tree survey, hence was not considered. However photographs taken during the processing of the original planning application show this tree its limited amenity value and its close proximity to the building. In addition, landscaping secured under applications 160220 and 160775 allows for new tree planting at the rear.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Norway maple on frontage - fell
- Goat Willow at the rear - fell

I note the intention to replant the Norway maple with an Acer rubrum 20-25cm. Please note that the approved landscaping under 160220 and 160775 includes the planting of Acer rubrum 'Armstrongii' 25-30cm, 6+m high, containerised (airpot). Please therefore

ensure that the replacement tree meets these specifications if the approved development has or will be implemented.

The works should not be carried out before six weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 3 January 2018, unless (for the Maple) the approved planning proposals are being implemented.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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