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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Cunningham

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO THREE TREES AT MARSDEN, BLAGRAVE LANE, READING -
SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 17/12.**

Thank you for your application of 6 November 2017, regarding the above.

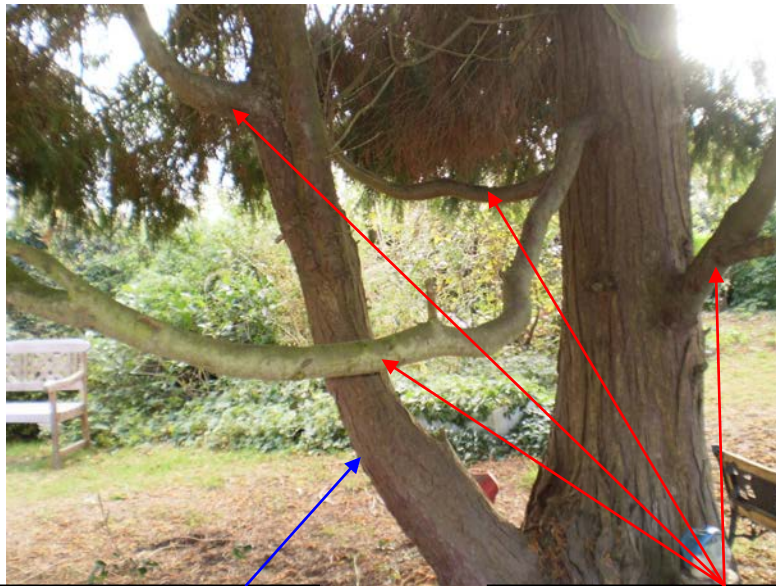
During my visit of 28 November 2017, we discussed the proposed works to all three trees. It was noted that the crown lifting of the two Cedars (T5 & T6) would include the removal of dead wood and as advised, dead wood can be removed at any time without approval, subject to giving the Council notice. In relation to the Cypress (T4), your application included the proposed removal of the co-dominant upright stem. As discussed on site, the removal of this would be detrimental to the tree both as a result of the large wound that would be created but also as the stem's removal would result in the loss of a significant portion of the foliage on the north side of the tree, negatively affecting its appearance. As an alternative, and to achieve the same aim, we agreed that as well as the proposed crown lifting, main lower branches would be removed instead of the co-dominant stem, hence your application was amended to this.

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

- 2 No. Cedar (T5 & T6) – crown lift to 2.5-3m above ground level by the removal or

reduction of limbs back to appropriate growing points. The removal of dead wood is noted.

- Cypress (T4) – crown lift to 3m above ground level including the removal of larger, low limbs as indicated in the photo below:



Cypress – upright, codominant stem to be retained

Cypress – lower main limbs to be removed along with crown lifting of lower foliage

Conditions

1. Five days notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. 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

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

4. 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

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 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

Sarah Hanson

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