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Sarah Hanson, Planning and Building Control

Dear Mr Barnes

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE WALNUT TREE AND ONE BEECH TREE AT 11 ALBERT ROAD, READING - T5 AND T4 RESPECTIVELY OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 36/06.

Thank you for your application of 21 August 2017, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 1 September 2017, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and agreed on site, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the attached photographs:

- T5 Walnut:
 - o Crown lift branches overhanging garden to the rear (6 Copperfields) to 1-1.5m above fence height
 - o Remove lower branch of the forked branch overhanging garden to the rear (Copperfields)
 - o Remove one secondary branch growing towards the rear garden of 9 Albert Road
 - o Reduce branches overhanging the rear garden of 9 Albert road to a point approximately 1m past the boundary line (1m into 9 Albert Road)
 - o Remove one secondary branch growing over the garden of 11 Albert Road back to the pruning point indicated (not to trunk)

- o Branch growing over hedge – remove lower section as indicated on the attached photo
- T4 Beech – selective branch pruning, back to appropriate growing points, to provide approximately 2m clearance from adjacent telephone wire

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

5. The works hereby approved shall only be carried during the period late summer to early autumn.

Reason: To avoid harm to the future health of the tree taking into account the species' disposition to bleed.

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

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

4. Crown lifting of trees over the footpath and carriageway: If the clearance of vegetation overhanging the highway only involves the removal of branches to give a ground clearance to the statutory heights of 2.7m over the footpath and 5.5m over the road, this does not require formal consent from the Council. You are advised, however, to give notice to the Council of these intended works in order that they can be agreed.

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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Natural Environment Officer