

Gill Hollands
Smallwood Countryside Contractors
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Sarah Duckworth, Planning & Building Control

Dear Ms Hollands

**SECTION 211 NOTIFICATION OF WORKS TO TREES AT 8 MAITLAND ROAD, RG1 6NL AND
WITHIN THE DOWNSHIRE SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA.**

Further to your email correspondence received on 19th September and my site visit on 11th October 2017 where I viewed the trees from the public highway, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Horse Chestnut - 10% canopy reduction
- Yew - 2.5m reduction to the height and spread of the tree.
- Ash - Reduce to approximately 10ft (3m) to provide 8ft (2.4m) clearance to the phone wires.

The Borough Council has determine that the trees do not have sufficient amenity value now or in the future as such that it would be appropriate to include the trees in a Tree Preservation Order at this time.

Informatives

1. You are advised that this decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses and a new Section 211 notification will be required.
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 030 6000

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(s).

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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Duckworth

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Consultant Natural Environment Officer