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Our Ref:240485/TPO
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28 May 2024

Your contact is: Sarah Hanson, Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Cantell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 23 RIDGE HALL CLOSE, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 3/09.

Thank you for your application of 17 April 2024, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 13 May 2024, I can confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to your annotated photographs:

T.1 Lime (TPO T9)

Reduce the 2 stems that over-extend from the canopy towards the property by approximately 2m; Crown raise to 5.5-6m (Epicormic and secondary growth only); Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

T.2 Lime (TPO T8)

Crown raise to 5.5-6m (Epicormic and secondary growth only); Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

T.3 Lime (TPO T10)

Crown raise to 5.5-6m (Epicormic and secondary growth only); Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

T.4 Pine (TPO T11)

Reduce the mid canopy growing towards the property by 1.5m; Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

T.5 Lime (TPO T12)

Crown raise to 5.5-6m (Epicormic and secondary growth only); Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

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. 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. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However written notice is encouraged, 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood in order that we are aware of such works. 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' or in any other case, at least five working days prior to the date on which the works are to be commenced.

3. 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

4. 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

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:

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E-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Website: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas)

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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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mr & Mrs Law, 23 Ridge Hall Close