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

Dear Mr Bee

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO SIX BEECH TREES AT 62 OAK TREE ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 10/17.

Thank you for your application of 23 May 2024, submitted on behalf of 3 Larkwood Close, our subsequent discussion and the photographs supplied by the applicant.

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

- Group of 6 No. Beech - crown lift branches overhanging 3 Larkwood Close to 4m above ground level, back to the fence line, or to the next appropriate growing points within the curtilage of 62 Oak Tree Road (see note below).

As you have appreciated, the pruning can only be done to the boundary without the owner's permission. Liaison with the owners would be prudent in order to agree that the pruning can be taken back to appropriate growing points, rather than just in line with the boundary.

As per my acknowledgement email of 23 May 2024, the Cypress trees are not included in the TPO hence approval is not required from the Council to crown lift those.

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, where feasible.

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

5. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

6. Trees not considered to be protected by the current Tree preservation order: Work can be carried out to this tree without the formal consent from this Council.

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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Room 3A Eagle Wing
Temple Quay House
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Telephone: 0303 444 5000

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

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

Yours sincerely

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C.c. Mrs K Zuiderduin (via email)