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Your contact is: Andrei Nazare, Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mrs Namaseevayum,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE HORNBEAM TREE AT 3 NOTLEY PLACE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 12th April 2024, regarding the above.

Further to your notification and to my visit on 12th April 2024 and to your 17th April e-mail confirming the intended works, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following tree work:

- 1x Hornbeam (Ivy clad, growing between TPO T19 Sycamore and T20 Hornbeam)
 - Remove 1 low branch growing towards Surley Row
 - Lateral reduction back to the patio line
 - Crown lift above Surley Row to 5.5m above road level

Ivy has grown into the tree's crown and is currently blocking a detailed visual inspection. During my visit, I pointed out the potential risks in allowing Ivy to overgrow trees - it obstructs visual inspection and increases the sail area. You stated that will be severing the Ivy at the base and allow it to wilt for 1 season and then try to pull it down.

I advised you that it is prudent to have the trees periodically inspected by a professional to assess their health and any potential safety risks. I also stated that you do not need to notify the council for works to trees which have a diameter lesser than 75mm (measured at 1.5m above ground level) - unless they are included in a Tree Preservation Order.

The agreed works should not be carried out before two weeks from the date of your notification, i.e. before 26th April 2024.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

Work to trees subject to TPO 50/13 are dealt with separately under tree works application 240435/TPO.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrei Nazare

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On behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer