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

Dear Mr Johnson,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO TREES AT 1 SOUTH STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 22nd May 2024, regarding the above.

Further to your notification, 27th May e-mail and accompanying photographs, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following amended tree work:

- 2x trees (1 Acer spp and one broadleaved tree) - overall reduction by up to 1.5-2m on each side

It appears the proposed works will lead to the removal of significantly more than 30% of leaf area of each tree at once - which is the maximum recommended (and even then, only when justified) as good arboricultural practice. It is advisable that you consult a professional tree surgeon for advice on an appropriate amount and way to carry out pruning works. It might be that the objectives you set out for these works can be achieved with a lesser pruning extent.

However, the trees are not worthy of inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order, as such the Council raises no objection to the proposed works.

The agreed works can now go ahead as soon as they can be arranged.

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer