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14th March 2024

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

Dear Mr Arnold,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO THREE TREES AND ONE GROUP OF TREES AT DELLWOOD PARK AND LAND ADJACENT TO DELLWOOD PARK, READING - T5 AND G1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 13/15 AND T2 AND T20 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 14/15.

Thank you for your application of 6th March 2024, regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 7th March 2024, I can confirm that the following proposed works are approved subject to the conditions below:

- 1x Beech tree (T1 on application, T5 on TPO 13/15)
 - crown lift one branch overhanging the access road to 5m above ground level
- 1x Silver Birch tree (T2 on application, part of G1 on TPO 13/15)
 - Crown lift to 3m above ground level
- 1x Copper Beech tree (T3 on application, T20 on TPO 14/15)
 - Crown lift to 2.5m above ground level, removing secondary growth only
 - Selectively prune to give 2m clearance to building
- 1x Lime tree (T4 on application, T2 on TPO)
 - Crown lift to 5m above access road

The proposed works are considered reasonable management of the trees, seeking to mitigate conflict with traffic (T5, G1, T2) or buildings (T20) and to facilitate garden access (T20). These works are, therefore, agreeable.

One Sycamore tree part of G1 on TPO 13/15 appears to become overgrown by Ivy. It would be prudent to sever the Ivy at the base and allow it to wilt. Dense Ivy growth

prevents inspection by hiding defects and increases the sail area of the crown, therefore it should be managed regularly.

The two young Birch trees for which formative pruning is proposed are not included in the TPO, therefore permission is not needed to carry it out. I note formative pruning is appropriate given the trees' current form.

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

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. Prior to the severing of well-established Ivy at the base of the tree, it would be prudent to carry out an assessment of whether any of the stems of the Ivy are forming a natural brace above a suspected bark-included union

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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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. Mr J Buckley, Chaney's Chartered Surveyors (via e-mail)