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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Hughes Nind

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, 2 CHURCH STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 29 July 2024, relating to the above.

During our site meeting of 14 August 2024, we discussed and agreed the pruning specifications to the trees included in your Notice.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Swedish whitebeam on west boundary - pollard and remove all dead wood,
- Oak in centre of garden - crown lift to 2-2.5m through 360° and remove dead wood,
- Laurel on east boundary - reduce in height to approximately 2m above fence height and re-shape accordingly,
- Twin-stem (smaller), northern-most Sycamore on east boundary (within neighbouring land) - reduce branches back to the boundary,
- Central Sycamore on east boundary (within neighbouring land) - crown reduce over the garden back level with the gravestone of William Philipp, reshaping as necessary to leave a flowing crown line; crown lift to a point level with 1-1.5m above the trellis,
- Southern Sycamore on east boundary (within neighbouring land) - crown lift to a point level with 1-1.5m above the trellis

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

The works can now be carried out.

Informatives

1. 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

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However, you are encouraged to give 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', please give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

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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