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

Dear Mr Butler,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE WALNUT TREE AND ONE MAGNOLIA TREE AT 82 CRESCENT ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

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

Further to your notification and submitted Tree Works Specifications document, and with reference to the accompanying annotated photographs, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Walnut tree (T1) - Reduce the canopy back to established reduction points. (approximately 2.5m all round); Crown lift the canopy above the Garden Office to establish 2.5m clearance from the roof.
- 1x Magnolia tree (T2) - Reduce lateral canopy of tree by approximately 15% to contain spread. Reduce height to previous reduction points to create a lower, broad canopy shape. Retain subdominant growth.

The proposed works are part of the regular management of the trees - and have been done before as indicated by our records and by your site visit observations - and are, as such, agreeable.

With regards to your reference to previous lateral reduction on the north side of the Walnut tree, I can confirm the neighbours at 65 Bulmershe Road have submitted the required Notice for pruning the branches on their side, the last being in 2021 - reference 211243.

The agreed works can go ahead as soon as they can be arranged - however, it would be prudent to carry out the crown reduction on the Walnut tree as soon as possible, during

late summer or to delay it until late summer next year, due to their propensity to bleed.

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 carry out reduction works on Walnut trees only during the late summer period to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the trees, in view of their propensity to bleed.

Please ensure your client receives a copy of this letter without undue delay.

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