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

Dear Mr White,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE HOLLY TREE AT 24 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your notification of 28th July 2024, regarding the above.

Further to your notification and accompanying annotated photograph, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- 1x Holly tree - reduction as per submitted annotated photo, to maintain size appropriate for setting and remove crossing/rubbing branches in the outer crown

The submitted sketch plan and annotated photograph indicate the tree grows in the rear garden against a brick wall. Maintaining a small crown size will reduce the trunk diameter growth rate which might mitigate future conflict between the tree and the wall. The proposed reduction is considered necessary management and is, therefore, agreeable.

Although the proposed works might mitigate future conflict with the wall, it would be prudent for your client to regularly inspect the wall near the tree so that any damage is identified and addressed early on.

The agreed works can 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

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

C.c. Ms Morris, 24 New Road (via e-mail)