



Mr J Rood
75 Russell Street
Reading
RG1 7XG

Emma Gee
Acting Executive Director for
Economic Growth and
Neighbourhood Services

Civic Centre, Reading, RG1 2LU
☎ 0118 937 3787

Our Ref: PL/24/1226
Your Ref:

Direct: ☎01189 372440
Email: sarah.hanson@reading.gov.uk

21 October 2024

Your contact is:

Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Rood

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TWO SYCAMORE TREES ON THE BOUNDARY OF 75 & 77
RUSSELL STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 16 September 2024, relating to the above.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, with reference to the photographs provided (reproduced below):

- Small Sycamore - fell (outlined in blue below)
- Larger Sycamore - remove low branches (indicated in red below)

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

The works can now be carried out.

I note the larger Sycamore appears to have an extensive amount of Ivy within the crown. It would be prudent to sever this at the base (creating a 2ft gap in the Ivy stem) and it should die off gradually. Ivy adds to the weight of branches, making them more liable to failure; makes inspection more difficult (could hide defects); adds to the 'sail area' in high winds, and creates more shade.



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

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Mrs D Gobs, Trustee and Secretary, For and on behalf of PRO Autism, 77 Russell Street