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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Bott

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 89 & 91 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 16 September 2024, relating to the above. Following receipt of your initial email, we exchanged emails to clarify the final works.

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

91 Christchurch Road
Yew - prune branches overhanging No. 89 back to the boundary.

89 Christchurch Road
Cherry tree in rear garden - reduce by a maximum of one third.
Poor condition / dead tree in rear garden (covered in Ivy) - fell.

In relation to the works to the Cherry, as mentioned in our email exchange, a reduction of one third is very significant and normally only done with sound arboricultural reasons. I understand you will consider the overall health of the tree and take further advice from your tree surgeon. In any case, please note Informative 3 below but over and above this, Prunus (Cherries) are best done midsummer, but on the assumption you don't wish to wait that long, it is also best to avoid winter due to Silverleaf disease being likely to enter the wounds if created then. I realise this is not particularly helpful given the timing of this letter and will leave you to consider this further with your tree surgeon.

The other vegetation overhanging from No. 91 is Buddleia and Ivy are not tree species so no notice required.

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'.
3. 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

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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