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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Smith

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 1-3 CASTLE CRESCENT, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 1 October 2024, relating to the above.

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

- Laurel by driveway entrance - fell due to declining condition.
- Laurel group on frontage near boundary with No. 5 - crown lift to 2.5m over the footpath; cut back to edge of road (kerb edge); prune back to approximate 0.5 metre from fence the growth growing over the neighbouring drive entrance to the property at number 5 Castle Crescent.

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

The works can now be carried out.

The Laurel to be removed was a tree retained during the development of the site. As Conservation Areas are higher priority areas for tree retention and planting, I would encourage you to plant a replacement tree in the same location to help maintain canopy cover and the verdant nature of the locality.

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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