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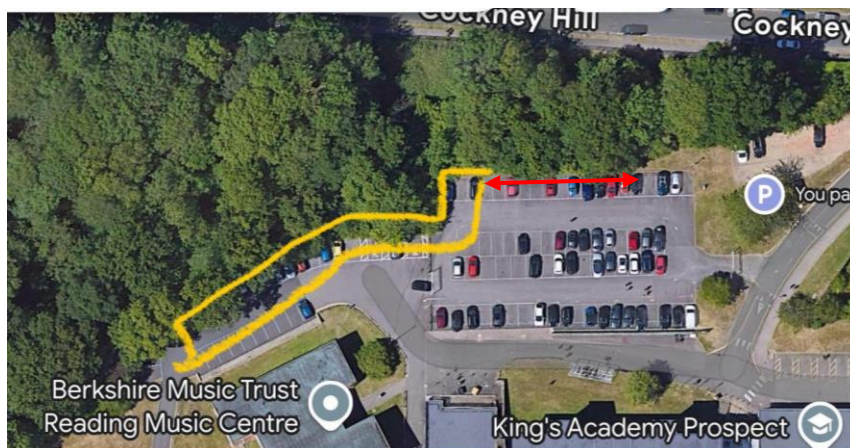
Dear Mr Vince-Porteous

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT KINGS ACADEMY PROSPECT, COCKNEY HILL,
READING - SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 109/02.**

Thank you for your application of 23 September 2024 regarding the above.

Further to my visit on 7 November 2024, accompanied by Jawaid Aslam, I have the following comments:

The length of boundary to be trimmed was increased to the east to include the full length of vegetation directly adjacent, and overhanging, parking spaces, as shown by the red arrow in the aerial photograph below (yellow was the original extent):



In addition, we extended the the scope of the application to include a repeat of the proposed crown lifiting once a year for the next 5 years to avoid repetitive applications.

It was evident that the growth overhanging the car park space was, in places, from very minor trees / saplings and it was agreed that removal of all these small saplings within 0.5m of the rear boundary of the parking spaces would be reasonable.

Within the vegetation was one mature Oak - the pruning specification for this has been separated from the remainder of the vegetation.

I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application (as amended on site), are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the annotated photographs below:

- Remove all small trees / saplings with a stem diameter of 5cm or below within 0.5m of the rear of the parking spaces (example in photograph below)
- Crown lift all vegetation overhanging the parking spaces to 2m above ground level once a year for the next 5 years,
- Mature Oak - remove secondary branch hanging low over the parking spaces (see annotated photograph below) and minor, epicormic growth from the trunk up to the main crown break (if desired).



Example of small tree to be removed



Secondary branch to be removed from Oak (red arrows)
Height of removal of epicormic growth (blue line)

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required. This is with the exception of the crown lifting to 2m above the car park, which expires after 5 years, i.e. as of 15 November 2029, after which a new application will be required.

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 030 6000

4. 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 wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

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Website: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/topics/trees-and-hedges)

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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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Jawaid Aslam, Kings Academy Prospect