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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms D'Cruz

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE PEAR TREE AT 27 ALEXANDRA ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for your Tree Works Notice of 11 November 2024, relating to the above.

The tree in question is a Candelabra Pear, growing against the wall. Agreement was last given in 2019 for a reduction in its size by 15-20% (ref 191533), which I assume was carried out. This current notice advises of the intention to carry out more extensive pruning, following the receipt of advice, back to the height indicated by the yellow line below:



The reduction is below what appear to be historic pruning points (approximately indicated by the red line). If this were a 'normal' tree, I would raise some concern about the extent of 'crown', i.e. food producing foliage area, to be removed and the creation of new, larger wounds prone to decay - you may wish to consider this. I appreciate the desire to maintain the tree at a lower, more accessible height but you may wish to balance this with limiting harm to the long-term health. Whatever degree of reduction is implemented (you can carry out lesser works than that for which you've given notice), it is advisable to carry this out during the dormant winter period.

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

- Candelabra Pear - Reduce to the height shown by the yellow line above.

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'.

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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