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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Lewis

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE BIRCH, ONE CERCIS AND LAUREL AT 34 JUNCTION ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 28 January 2025, relating to the above and your subsequent annotated photographs to clarify the works.

As confirmed in my email of 30 January, as the Laurel is maintained as a hedge, a tree works notice is not required for works to these - I understand that this was planned for 13 February.

The Birch and Cercis (Judas tree) have been the subject to previous tree work applications; the former in 2018 and the latter in 2017 and 2022/23.

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

- Birch tree in front garden - reduction of several branches which can obstruct vehicles as they come in and out, no more than a metre in either case
- Cercis / Judas tree in front garden - reduce branches growing over the pavement and reduce branches growing over the driveway and towards the house by approximately 2m



The intention to remove dead wood is noted.

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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