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Dear Mr White

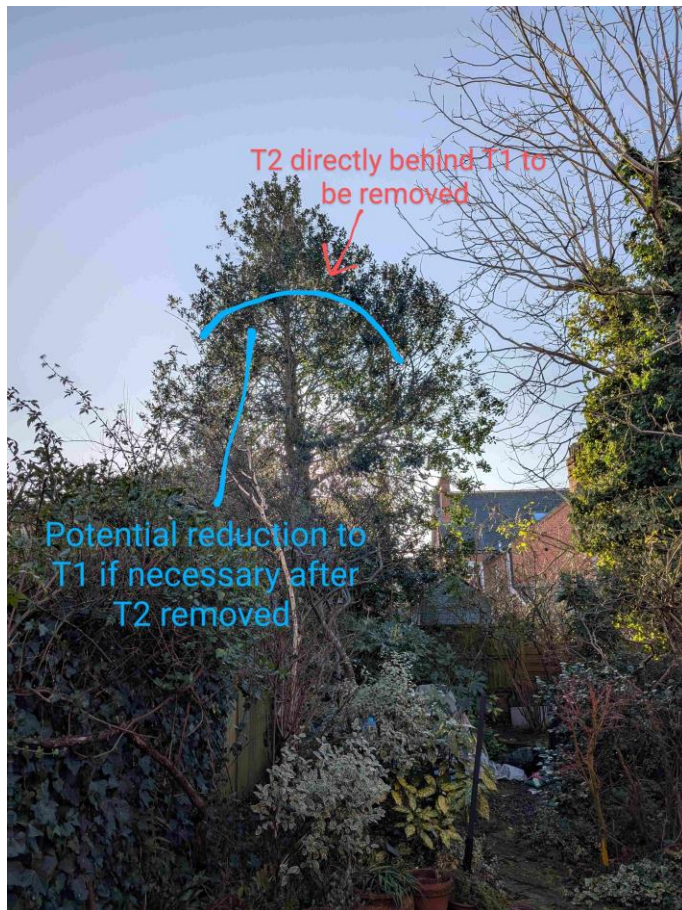
RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 2 X HOLLYS AT 8 NEW ROAD, READING, RG1 5JD - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 23rd February 2025, relating to the above.

You applied for to fell T2 to just above ground level and a reduction in height of T1. my colleague sought clarity about the reduction in height on T1 in her email of 25th February 2025 and you advised that it is significantly shading the customer's house. As it stands, it is difficult to judge the size T1 due to the presence of the larger, more expansive T2. The occupiers don't want to get rid of T1 as they like it for screening, but they want to keep it manageable, so it may well be that a reduction is not required/wanted once T2 has been removed. The potential reduction is shown in the photos below.

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

- T2 (Holly): Fell T2 to just above ground level
- T1 (Holly): If deemed necessary once T2 is removed, reduce height of T1



T1 Holly Reduction in height

There is no objection to this as the work is reasonable tree maintenance. Neither T1 or T2 are worthy of TPO's and concerns surrounding the trees have been taken into consideration. When felling trees in conservation areas, it is encouraged that replacement planting is implemented. Conservation areas are priority areas for tree retention, increased canopy cover and planting, as part of our tree strategy.

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

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