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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Dr Kale

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 45 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 11 April 2025, relating to the above.

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

During my visit of 17 April 2025 we discussed the works and looked at the various trees and vegetation in question, amending some of the initial pruning works.

I can confirm that there are no objections to the following tree works:

Rear garden

- Fell two poor condition small trees adjacent to the old pond
- Prune one Walnut on the Morgan Road boundary to provide 0.5m clearance from the telegraph pole and wires
- Prune vegetation on the Morgan Road boundary down to approx. 3m in height, except the Walnut and the Apple tree (adjacent to the parking)
- Crown lift /reduce vegetation on Morgan Road boundary to give 3m clearance above pavement level

Side garden (adjacent to house)

- Fell one small, poor, previously pruned Eucalyptus (and several adjacent dead stems) west of the pedestrian access
- Fell one tree east of the pedestrian access

Front garden

- Crown lift/reduce branches of vegetation overhanging the Morgan Road pavement to give 3m clearance above ground level

Conservation Areas are priority areas for tree retention and planting hence you are encouraged to carry out replacement planting for any trees felled in order to help maintain the character of the area and avoid canopy cover loss in the borough.

In relation to the dead Cherry in the rear garden, this was noted. Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement tree of a minimum 8-10cm girth and 2.75m high) to be planted in the rear garden in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, whichever is soonest. I understand that there is a desire to plant a new Cherry as the replacement, which is acceptable subject to the specific species being of similar, ultimate height. Please ensure the species is agreed with the Council prior to purchase and planting if deviating from a Cherry.

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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Natural Environment Officer