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Dear Mrs Venners

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. BOX ELDER TREE AT 1 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD, READING, RG2 7AB - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 24th April 2025, relating to the above.

With reference your supporting Tree Survey Report dated April 2025, I note the cavity in the main stem of the tree as well as the unbalanced crown. A reduction is considered reasonable to help prolong the remaining life of the tree.

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit of 15 May 2025, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Box elder - Evenly reduce lateral spread by approximately 3m around the perimeter of the canopy back to suitable secondary branches; crown clean to remove any deadwood.

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

Works to the TPO Lime are dealt with separately under tree works application PL/25/0622.

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'.

Please ensure that your client receives a copy of this letter as soon as possible.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer