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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Cantell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. EUCALYPTUS TREE AND 1NO. CHERRY TREE AT 72 HAMILTON ROAD, READING, RG1 5RD - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 9th June 2025, relating to the above.

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

- T1 Eucalyptus: Fell - the tree is not worthy of a TPO
- T2 Cherry: Crown reduce by approximately 30% of leaf area

Whilst the Council cannot object to the felling of the Eucalyptus tree without serving a TPO, the replanting of a replacement tree is strongly encouraged. As you and the applicant will be aware, trees contribute to the character of Conservation Areas and are priority areas for tree retention and replanting, as part of our adopted Tree Strategy.

The proposed work to the Cherry tree is similar to that which was agreed in August 2022. It is advised that the reduction is performed in the summer and before autumn/winter when the spores of Silver leaf fungus fruiting bodies are predominantly produced. The proposed work to the Cherry tree is considered reasonable tree maintenance providing clearance to the overhead wires.

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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