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Dear Ms Paines

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. SYCAMORE TREE AT 44 NEW ROAD, READING, RG1 5JD
- SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

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

It is noted that that your Notice is part retrospective. You sent my colleague Sarah Hanson, photographs of the Sycamore tree on 16th June 2025, via email. It is clear that some of the branches growing towards your neighbour's wall were removed before giving notice.

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

- Sycamore: Fell - not worthy of a TPO

Whilst the Council cannot object to the felling of the Sycamore tree without serving a TPO, the replanting of a replacement tree is strongly encouraged. As you 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.

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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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer