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Dear Ms Mellor

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. BEECH TREE AT 74 HAMILTON ROAD, READING, RG1 5RD - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 17th June 2025, relating to the above.

You have given notice to reduce the height of the Beech tree in your front garden by one third. The reason for this being *‘the tree is obstructing the telephone lines and touching the house’*

Further to my colleague, Sarah Hanson’s visit of 7th July 2025, I have the following comments:

In an email exchange between yourself and Sarah of 9th July 2025, Sarah offered to add additional works to your notice and these are listed below. We hope that this will help further achieve the aims of your notice by providing clearance from the front of the house.

The works are a repeat of those agreed in December 2019 and are considered reasonable maintenance of the tree.

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

- Crown lift, through 360°, to approximately 2-2.5m above ground level.
- Reduce the height of the canopy by approximately one third; shape the lateral branches to marry the new crown height, creating a natural canopy shape.

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