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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Hughes

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. MAGNOLIA TREE AT 37 WATLINGTON STREET,  
READING, RG1 4RF - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025, relating to the above.

You had stated in an email exchange between yourself and my colleague Sarah Hanson of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025, that the Magnolia tree in question was located at 37 Watlington Street but encroaching on your property (35 Watlington Street). You mentioned the tree was blocking out sunlight, interfering with the television signal and almost touching the house itself. Given the reasons you have stated, the work proposed is considered reasonable maintenance of the tree. However, you may wish to consider lesser works to enable the retention of some foliage on your side and so that the pruning leaves a reasonably shaped tree.

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

- Prune branches that overhang 35 Watlington Street back to the boundary line.

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](mailto: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