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Dear Mr Hammond

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. MAGNOLIA TREE AT 30 KENDRICK ROAD, READING, RG1 5DN - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 29th July 2025, relating to the above.

In an email you sent to my colleague Sarah Hanson of 29th July 2025, you stated that the tree *'hasn't been pruned for years. Its almost as high as the 2-storey blocks in Kendrick Court, so a reduction of 2 metres would not be excessive'*. You also stated the tree is in close proximity to a wall. I would advise that the branches in close contact with the wall are pruned to provide adequate clearance as part of the canopy reduction.

The Council can only object to any intended works if the tree is worthy of a Tree Preservation Order which in this case the tree is not worthy. The need for clearance between the tree and the wall is recognised and works which aim to maintain this clearance are considered reasonable.

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

- Magnolia - reduce in height and radial canopy spread by approximately 2m.

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