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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Cantell

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES AT 32 REDLANDS ROAD, READING, RG1 5HD -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 7th August 2025, relating to the above.

I note that some of the works described in your notice are similar to those that were agreed in October 2022. The proposed crown reduction of T.3 Maple is approximately 30% (one third) of the leaf area which is the maximum recommendation for a crown reduction inline with BS3998. You have stated in your schedule of works email to Mr Edwards, that the tree will be left with a natural crown shape, and the work will be carried out inline with the BS3998. I therefore suggest no more than one third of the leaf area is removed from the tree. It would also be prudent to carry out the works avoiding bud burst and leaf drop, to give the tree the best chance of recovery after the significant reduction.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work and with reference to the reproduced, annotated photograph provided:

- T.1 Cherry: Crown lift to approximately 2.5m by removing secondary growth only where possible
- T.2 Magnolia: Crown lift to approximately 1.8-2m by removing secondary growth only where possible
- T.3 Maple: Crown reduce by approximately 30% of leaf area (this equates to reducing the existing crown by up to approximately 1-1.25m of the radial crown spread and up to approximately 1.5m of the height - see Figure 1)
- T.4 & T.5 Himalayan Birch: Crown lift to approximately 3m by removing secondary growth only where possible Clear garage roof to give at least 1m clearance
- T.6 Beech: Reduce by approximately 1-1.5m and shape

- T.7 Purple Plum: Reduce and shape by approximately 1m; crown lift to approximately 3m by removing secondary growth only where possible
- T.8 Cherry: Prune away from the garage to give 1m clearance; crown lift to approximately 3m by removing secondary growth only where possible



Figure 1 - T.3 Maple Reduction

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'.

3. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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