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Your contact is:

Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Simmons

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. CEDAR TREE AND 1NO. PINE TREE AT THE LAND ADJACENT TO 3-8 GEORGE CLOSE, CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 5EW - T3 AND T4 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 40/11.

Thank you for your application of 17th August 2025, regarding the above.

You have applied for the following:

T1 Cedar (T3 of TPO 40/11) - Prune back overhanging branches on building side only by approximately 1m, back to previous pruning points to maintain good clearance from buildings

T2 Pine (T4 of TPO 40/11) - Prune back overhanging branches on building side only by approximately 1m, back to previous pruning points to maintain good clearance from buildings

Further to my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit of 29th August 2025, I have the following comments:

It is appreciated that the desired outcome of the proposed work is maintain clearance between the trees and the property to prevent damage to the roof caused by the presence of squirrels.

As no desired distance of clearance was stated in your application, Sarah sought clarity on 29th August 2025 via email. You explained you were unsure of the exact measurement of clearance desired. However, proposing to reduce the trees back to the previous pruning points would achieve the same outcome as that of the approved works in September 2021 which described the desired clearance as 2m. We therefore have taken your application to be a repeat of these works; hence the approved works have been reworded and are

deemed reasonable to maintain clearance between the tree and the property.

It was noted on site that there is an existing distance of clearance between the trees and the property, hence the approved works are minimal tip reductions in line with the previous pruning points to create the desired 2m of clearance.

I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the annotated photographs provided:

- T3 Cedar (T1 of application): tip reduce lateral branches (lower 2/3rds of the canopy) extending towards the south back to previous pruning points (see Figure 1), to create up to 2m clearance to the neighbouring property of 3-8 George Close, ensuring no more than one third of the foliage is removed from the individual branches and leaving suitable growth points.
- T4 Pine (T2 of application): tip reduce lateral branches (lower 2/3rds of the canopy) extending towards the south back to previous pruning points (see Figure 2) to create up to 2m clearance to the neighbouring property of 3-8 George Close, ensuring no more than one third of the foliage is removed from the individual branches and leaving suitable growth points.



Figure 1 - Cedar Reduction of Lower/Mid Southern Canopy



Figure 2 - Pine Reduction of Lower/Mid Southern Canopy

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood from a live tree: 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', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

3. 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 030 6000

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

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Website: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas)

Please ensure that your client receives a copy of this letter as soon as possible.

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