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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Alexander

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES AT BLENHEIM COURT, 115 LONDON STREET, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 12th August 2025, relating to the above.

Further to my site visit of the 11th September 2025, I have the following comments:

I note that there is mostly an existing distance of approximately 1.5m clearance between T7513, T4586, T7512 and the building of Blenheim Court (see Figure 1). Reducing the lateral branches by as much as 1.5m seems excessive and you may wish to reconsider this amount to retain a more natural and balanced canopy shape. I suggest selectively reducing the lateral branches that encroach the building only, rather than reducing all of the lateral branches. The proposed works aim to provide clearance which is similar to that agreed in September 2023 and were considered reasonable.

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

- T7513 - Sorbus - reduce lateral branches removing up to 1.5m to clear property
- T4586 - Rowan - reduce lateral branches removing up to 1.5m to clear property
- T4584 - Sorbus - crown lift to approx 2.5m
- T7512 - Rowan - reduce lateral branches removing up to 1.5m to clear property and crown lift to approx 2.5m
- T1 - Prunus - remove deadwood
- T2 - Sorbus - crown lift to approx 2.5m
- T3 - Sorbus - reduce lateral branches removing up to 1.5m to clear property
- T4 - Silver Birch - crown lift to approx 2.5m



Figure 1 - Existing Clearance

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer