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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Preston

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES AT 19 ERLEIGH ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 27th August 2025, relating to the above.

The works proposed for clearance purposes are considered reasonable. I note that the removal of some of the branches to T.1 Sycamore will leave proportionately large pruning wounds in the main stem of the tree. It would be best for the health of the tree if this is avoided and only the secondary growth is removed or that the branches are pruned back to provide clearance without the entire removal of the branches. In relation to T.5 Sycamore, the removal of the lowest branch at least seems reasonable, but I hope further consideration will be given to avoid excessive crown lifting.

The Council cannot object to the felling of T.4 Holly as it is not worthy of a TPO. As you will be aware, trees contribute to the character and landscape of Conservation Areas and I hope replanting is considered.

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

- T.1 Sycamore - Prune to give 2m clearance of the neighbouring property by remove selected branches back to source. Prune Remaining canopy to provide 2m clearance of the neighbouring property
- T.2 Yew - Prune to give 1.5m clearance of the property by removing secondary growth only.

- T.3 Amur - Maple Remove major deadwood, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length; remove large dead limb at suggested point to leave the remainder as a prop for neighbouring branch.
- T.4 Holly - Fell
- T.5 Sycamore - Remove selected 4 branches back to source. Prune remaining canopy to give 2m clearance if the building.



T.1 Sycamore - Branches to be removed



T.3 Amur Maple - Branch to be removed at suggested point



T.5 Sycamore - Branches to be removed

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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