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Dear Mr Watkins

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. PLUM TREE AT 5 GLEBE ROAD AND 1NO. ELM TREE AT CHRIST CHURCH, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 4th September 2025, relating to the above.

As stated in your notice, the works are a repeat of those previously undertaken and are thereby considered reasonable maintenance of the trees.

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

- Purple Plum: reduce back to previous pruning points, leaving suitable growth points
- Elm at Christ Church: reduce/remove branches back to the boundary line of 5 Glebe Road

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

I note that you are concerned about the condition of the Elm tree. Please be aware that the landowners have a 'duty of care' under the Occupiers Liability Act to ensure that their trees do not pose an unacceptable risk to people and property. In order to manage that risk, they should have it inspected on a suitably regular basis and have worked carried out to ensure that the risk they present is acceptable. You may wish to pass this information onto the landowners.

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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