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Your contact is: Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Grozev

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. ASH TREE AT 8 ELDON ROAD, READING AND 1NO. SYCAMORE TREE AT THE ADJACENT PROPERTY - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

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

I note that the reasoning for felling the Ash tree is due to Ash dieback. From the photographs submitted alongside the notice, it is evident there is still a significant amount of live foliage within the tree and thus felling for the reason of Ash dieback is questionable. The notice states a second option, rather than felling the tree, to reduce the crown by 3m. As trees contribute to the character of Conservation Areas, I encourage the reduction is considered. However, the tree is not worthy of a TPO so the Council cannot object to the felling. As stated above, trees contribute to the character of Conservation areas, so I hope that replanting is considered by the applicant if the tree is felled. I have confirmed that we have no objections to the more significant works, being the felling, but we do encourage its retention and that a reduction is performed instead.

The works to the Sycamore tree are considered reasonable as it is situated in an adjacent property with its branches encroaching onto the applicant's property.

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

- Ash: Fell
- Sycamore in adjacent property: reduce branches overhanging the applicant property by approximately 1.5-2m back to the boundary line, leaving suitable growth points where possible

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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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer

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