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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Boraman

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. EUCALPYTUS TREE AND 1NO. HAZEL TREE AT 20 BELLE VUE ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 5th October 2025, relating to the above.

The proposed re-pollarding of the Eucalyptus tree is considered reasonable as the tree has previously been maintained as a pollard. This a repeat of the works agreed in March 2024, under Tree Works Notice 240227. As discussed in your email exchange between yourself and my colleague Sarah Hanson of 6th October 2025, we have agreed to the re-pollarding on an annual basis for five years to avoid repeated notices and in view of the extent of re-growth since last pollarded. The tree does not have to be re-pollarded every year this consent applies, and you may wish to assess how the tree is responding prior to undertaking each re-pollarding operation.

The works to the Hazel tree are considered reasonable as the branches are encroaching over the pavement and thus cutting them back to your boundary line is appropriate management of the tree.

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

- Eucalyptus tree in the rear garden: pollard back to previous pollard points annually for the next five years.
- Hazel tree in front garden: prune branches back in line with the boundary wall

In relation to the Eucalyptus tree, this decision is valid for five years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses. In relation to the Hazel tree, this decision is valid for one operation to be undertaken within two years, 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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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer