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Your contact is:

Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mrs Hadnutt

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. SYCAMORE AT 10 ELDON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 24th October 2025, relating to the above.

This notice follows on from the formal response for a recent Tree Works Notice, Reference: PL/25/1256, which partially related to the Sycamore tree in question.

The reasons for the felling stated in your notice as *'The Sycamore is positioned extremely close to both of our houses and has grown to a height and spread that is now causing physical interference with our property including contact with the roof and windows. During windy conditions, the branches oscillate and strike the windows, creating a genuine risk of damage'*. Whilst direct conflict between the property and the tree branches may be preventable through lesser pruning, the tree is not worthy of a TPO due mainly to its proximity and thus the Council cannot object to the felling.

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

- 1no. Sycamore: Fell to ground level

As you will be aware, trees contribute to the character of the Conservation Area and as such, these areas are a priority for tree retention and planting in our adopted Tree Strategy. Replacement replanting is therefore encouraged when removing trees in Conservation Areas and I hope this is something that is considered.

On another note, following the agreement to fell the Ash tree in your PL/25/1527 Tree Works Notice, it is certainly positive this tree is now proposed to be retained and crown

reduced instead. As mentioned in our email exchange of 24th October 2025, the felling of the Sycamore will improve light availability, space and reduce competition for water and nutrients in the soil, which will hopefully aid the Ash trees recovery after the reduction has been undertaken.

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 the owner/occupier at 10 Eldon Road receives a copy of this letter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Amy Daly

Assistant Natural Environment Officer

On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer

C.c Mr Grozev, Grozev Tree Care Ltd