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Dear Mr Pickering

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. CEDAR TREE, 1NO. HOLLY TREE AND 2NO. CONIFER TREES AT 11 DENMARK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 13th October 2025, relating to the above.

I note the reasons for the felling of all four trees is due to *'Its proximity to the property is causing anxiety and apprehension to the occupier/residents'* and *'interfering with the reasonable enjoyment of a large proportion of the rear garden'*. Whilst I note the Cedar tree and Holly tree are in close proximity to the property, I am unclear what arboricultural reasons there are which are causing concerns as none were provided in your notice, and whether the desired outcome could be achieved through lesser pruning.

I note the conifers are not in close proximity to the house. In any case, I am sure pruning options have been discussed with your client, with felling being the last resort when pruning cannot alleviate concerns. The trees are not worthy of a TPO 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. Cedar: Fell to ground level.
- 1no. Holly: Fell to ground level.
- 2no. Conifers: Fell to ground level.

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

The works can now be carried out.

As you will be aware, trees contribute to the verdant 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, particularly given the proposed removal of several trees.

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'.

Please ensure your client Mr Carminke receives a copy of this letter as soon as possible.

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