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Dear Fulford

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. APPLE TREE AT 16 HAMILTON ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 7th November 2025, relating to the above.

As mentioned in your notice, it has been noticed that there are fungal fruiting bodies at the base of the Apple tree, likely to be Honey fungus. You had also stated that the tree appeared to be stressed this year, growing smaller fruits compared to previous years and dieback within the branches. Given that the trees condition is in clear decline, the felling is considered reasonable.

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

- Apple tree: fell

As you also mentioned about replanting, I also encourage this is undertaken given the contribution trees make to the character and appearance of Conservation Areas. They are also target areas for tree retention and planting in our adopted Tree Strategy. I advise that when replanting, a species which is known to be more resistant to Honey fungus is chosen. Having the stump and root system ground out will limit the amount of 'food' available to the suspected Honey fungus. I also advise replanting of an appropriate distance from the stump and root system (whether ground out or not) of the removed Apple tree.

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.

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer