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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Fong

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE FALSE ACACIA TREE AT 116 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 11 November 2025, relating to the above tree.

Your notice originally advised of your intention to reduce the height of the tree and potentially thin the canopy.

During my visit of 26 November 2025, I noted some significant concerns with the condition of the tree and detailed these in my email to you of 27 November, including a central column of decay and areas of decay/dysfunction at the base. Your email of 30 November amended your notice to felling as a result of the concerns raised.

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

- False acacia in front garden - fell

The tree is a large, mature specimen, providing significant amenity value to the street scene, hence its loss is very unfortunate. As per our email exchange, you are able carry out lesser works if you wish, if you obtain advice to suggest that the tree can be made safe without felling to ground level.

Conservation Areas are higher priority areas for tree retention and planting due to the significant contribute trees makes to the character of these areas. As such, I would encourage planting a replacement tree if the False acacia is felled, preferably of a species of similar, ultimate size to the False acacia in order to replace the amenity value lost.

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

Sarah Hanson

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