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Dear Mr Richardson

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 2NO. APPLE TREES, 1NO. ROWAN TREE AND 1NO. COTONEASTER AT 29 HOGARTH AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 19th November 2025, relating to the above.

I note the 2no. Apples trees have been previously reduced and reducing the new growth back to the previous points is considered reasonable. It is also reasonable to thin the growth in the centre of the tree's canopy to create clearance of the BT wires.

The works to the Rowan tree and Cotoneaster are also considered reasonable as they aim to provide clearance between the trees, ground and property.

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

- 2no. Apple trees: crown reduce back to previous reduction points, i.e. removing new growth since last reduction; thin the central crown to clear the overhead wires
- Rowan tree: reduce lower branches by approximately 1m to clear the driveway; reduce branches growing towards the house by approximately 1-2m
- Cotoneaster: reduce in height by approximately 1-2 metres and reduce the branches growing towards the house to provide approximately 2m clearance; reduce low branches overhanging the pavement to provide 2.75m clearance above 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.

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'.

3. It is best to avoid works in the period immediately before or during bud burst and leaf fall to minimise the effect on the long-term health of the tree

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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