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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Paines

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT 44 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 5 December 2025, relating to the above.

During our meeting of 17 December 2025, we established that the work included the removal of two Apple trees (previously agreed under 230865), the removal of one Hazel near the boundary with No. 42 and removal of one Cherry on the boundary with No. 42. In relation to the latter, I understand you will also consider relocation as was proposed under 230865 (not implemented). In addition, two Ivy-clad trees towards the rear of the garden, on the boundary with St Georges Hall are proposed for removal - these appear to be those included under notice 221735.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, all in the rear garden:

- Remove two small Apple trees on east boundary
- Remove two Ivy-clad trees towards the end of the garden (near Marlborough Avenue) on boundary with St George's Hall
- Remove one Cherry on boundary with No. 42
- Remove one Hazel on boundary with No. 42

None of the trees are worthy of a TPO, hence we offer no formal objection, however their removal, along with the Sycamore agreed under PL/25/0848, constitutes notable canopy removal from the Conservation Area. Tree coverage in Conservation Areas is important as

it contributes to their verdant nature. Such areas are a priority for tree retention and planting in our adopted Tree Strategy, which also aims to increase canopy cover in the borough. Therefore, we would encourage replacement planting in the rear garden to replace those lost to avoid detrimental canopy cover loss (an associated biodiversity) - preferably native/naturalised or wildlife friendly species.

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](mailto: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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