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Dear Mr Smith

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. EUCALYPTUS TREE AT 31 KENDRICK ROAD, READING AND 1NO. SYCAMORE TREE AT 29 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025, relating to the above.

I note that the proposed reduction to the Eucalyptus tree is of an amount that does not follow good arboricultural practice. The reduction is by much more than a third; that being the maximum which is recommended in the BS3998 2010. The proposed reduction will remove almost all of the tree's structure and foliage. As such, I have concerns that the tree will not respond well to this level of pruning and I strongly encourage a lesser reduction, that is inline with good arboricultural practice, is considered. I note that there are concerns regarding damage to the neighbouring outbuilding, however lesser works e.g. crown lifting, may alleviate concerns. I appreciate the desire to improve light and create a more manageable tree, but it appears lesser work that doesn't have such a significant negative impact to tree health could be considered. However, the tree is not worthy of a TPO and thus the Council cannot object to the proposed works.

As discussed in your email exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025, the Sycamore tree is located in adjacent land at 29 Kendrick Road. I note that all the sides and the height of the Sycamore are proposed to be reduced and thus the landowner will need to provide consent for this, specifically work on the neighbour's side of the boundary. It does not seem that the works will make a significant difference in relation to leaf fall or light levels. You may wish to consider lesser works, e.g. crown lifting, to alleviate concerns whilst posing a less detrimental impact to tree health. Sycamores are not a species that resist decay well and thus I encourage that pruning

points are carefully considered to aim to minimise the size of the pruning wounds which are entry points for decay. As the tree is not worthy of a TPO, the Council cannot object to the works.

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

- Eucalyptus: reduce to the height of 5m above ground level as shown in Figure 1.
- Sycamore at 29 Kendrick Road: reduce lateral branches by approximately 2m and reduce in height by approximately 4m, leaving suitable growth points, as shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 1: Eucalyptus reduction**

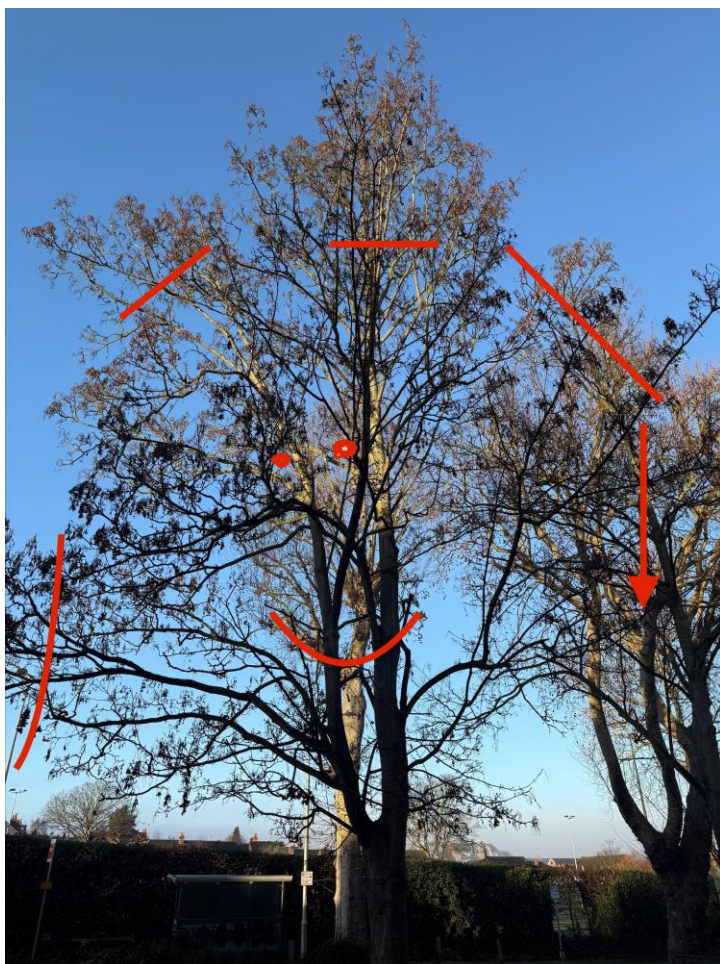


Figure 12: Sycamore reduction

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'.
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

4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

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

Yours sincerely

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