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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Clive

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. EUCALYPTUS AT 13A CAREY STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 20th January, relating to the above.

Following my site visit of 27th January 2026, I have the following comments:

The Eucalyptus tree is the only large tree within the near vicinity, is located in a low canopy cover ward (Abbey Ward), as defined in our Adopted Tree Strategy, and contributes significantly to the canopy cover of the area that surrounds it. The tree also provides green amenity value to the residents of the area, with the majority of the adjacent rear gardens having limited green features. The Council can only object to the felling of a tree if it is worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. After careful consideration, due to the characteristics of this species, proximity to nearby buildings, and questionable feasibility of long-term retention, we have come to the conclusion the tree is not worthy of a TPO, hence the Council can not object the felling. Following my site visit, I emailed yourself on 6th February 2026, to enquire whether any lesser works could alleviate residents' concerns regarding branch failures and proximity of branches to buildings. To which you responded any lesser works wouldn't significantly alleviate residents concerns and that felling was the only option.

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

- 1no. Eucalyptus: fell to ground level



Figure 1 - Eucalyptus tree agreed to be felled

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

Trees contribute to the nature of Conservation Areas and as such are target areas for tree replanting in our adopted Tree Strategy. The tree contributes to the canopy cover of the Abbey Ward, which is a low canopy cover ward, and canopy cover within the near vicinity, and as such we strongly encourage that replanting is considered to help mediate the loss of the tree and its canopy cover within the area. It is the only large tree within the area, and its loss will mean that shade is significantly sparser for those living in the near vicinity. It would therefore be prudent to replant a replacement tree, as with temperatures rising, canopy cover and thereby shade will be desirable in the future.

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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