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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr White

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 3 TREES AT 64 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for your Tree Works Notice of 31 January 2026, relating to the above.

Your submission gave notice of the intention to fell 3 trees: 2 in the rear garden and 1 in the front garden.

As per the subsequent email exchanges, there is an active planning application at this address, and submissions did not acknowledge any trees on site. My site visit of 13 February 2026, with my colleague Amy Daly, established that the trees in the rear garden were far enough from the proposed rear extension to not need consideration under the planning application and hence are dealt with in this response. With regard to the tree on the frontage, whilst you have cited two reasons for removal, it was clear, and confirmed during my visit, that removal would also be required to allow for the two parallel parking spaces proposed in the front garden. However, as there is currently uncertainty on these spaces, I also deal with the front garden tree in this response.

The Scots pine at the rear is of poor form and the Douglas fir is of poor form in the upper section of the crown. Neither are worthy of a TPO, albeit it appears neither require felling.

In relation to the Chinese yellow wood tree in front garden, it appears the issues raised to support the felling could be accommodated if there was a desire to retain the tree, especially as it contributes to the street scene of the Conservation Area. This tree is also not deemed worthy of a TPO.

As none of the trees are worthy of a TPO, no formal objections can be made to the felling. I can therefore confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Scots pine in rear garden - fell
- Douglas fir in rear garden - fell
- Chinese yellow wood tree in front garden - fell

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

The works can now be carried out.

Conservation Areas are priority areas in our Tree Strategy for tree retention and planting given the contribution that trees make to the verdant character of such areas. Replacement planting is therefore encouraged to avoid canopy cover loss and detriment to the amenity of the area.

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

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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