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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Bandler

**RE: PROPOSED REMOVAL OF ONE SILVER BIRCH AT 47 ZINZAN STREET, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 21 January 2026, relating to the above, with associated supporting documents.

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

- Silver birch in rear garden of 47 Zinzan Street - fell

You have provided reasons for the felling, including proximity of the trunk to the site boundary, proximity to the water main and conflict with intended changes to the parking area at the rear of No. 49 Zinzan Street which includes a new brick wall on the site boundary. You have provided confirmation that the owner is agreeable to the removal.

The site is within a low canopy cover borough and Air Quality Management area, as well as being within a conservation area. As such, the loss of the Birch is undesirable, however, on balance is agreed.

Replacement planting raised in your submission, and this would certainly be positive given the Birch is in a high priority area for tree retention and planting, to avoid canopy cover loss. You have indicated that this would be a 'small, ornamental tree', however, it would be positive to ensure that this has sufficient ultimate height to replace the amenity lost by the Birch in order to contribute visually to the locality. *Acer palmatum*, as suggested,

is unlikely to be of sufficient, ultimate stature. There are many upright form trees that could be considered if canopy width space is limited, but that would give some height. I expect your tree surgeon may be able to advise.

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

The works can now be carried out.

Please ensure your neighbour (tree owner) receives a copy of this letter.

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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