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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Fitzgerald

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. SWEET CHESTNUT TREE AT 95 KIDMORE ROAD, CAVERSHAM, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 107/06

Thank you for your application of 25th February 2026, regarding the above.

You have applied for the following:

T1 - Sweet chestnut, to thin out epicormic growth throughout inner crown by no more than 1 third and to reduce large upright growing on lateral on Southwest side at approximatly 8m by no more than 3m to prevent it congesting the inner crown.

Further to mine and my colleague Sarah Hanson's visit of 27th March 2026, I have the following comments:

We met with Mr Wright to assess the proposal. In addition to the works you have proposed, we agreed with Mr Wright that the epicormic growth could be removed up to the crown break as these works are considered reasonable to ensure adequate ground clearance. Whilst the epicormic growth is minor, removing it at the same time as the remaining approved works will prevent the need for another application in the near future.

The reduction of an identified upright branch on a lateral branch of the southwestern aspect is considered reasonable as this will help reduce branch congestion in the inner crown. This upright branch has grown to a significant size and is expected to have once been epicormic growth which has been left unmanaged. Reducing it will therefore help reduce its dominance within the inner crown. It will also help manage the weight load on its parent branch, which is an established, structural, lateral branch.

On 27th March 2026, I emailed you regarding the proposing thinning of epicormic throughout the crown, as Sarah and I were slightly unclear on the extent of these works and thus further clarity was required. Following this, the works were discussed via an email exchange, and a final specification was agreed for all of the works on 9th April 2026 and are detailed in the approved works below.

I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application and further agreed following our site visit and via email exchange, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the annotated photographs below:

- T1 Sweet Chestnut: reduce the height of the large upright branch (see Figures 1 & 2) growing on a lateral branch on southwestern aspect by no more than 3m (current height is approximately 8m), leaving suitable growth points; remove minor epicormic growth from the main stem, through 360⁰, up to the crown break (see Figure 3); thin epicormic growth throughout the crown by no more than 30%, focusing on removing/reducing unsustainable growth, e.g. growth crossing/rubbing main branches, growth unlikely to become structurally sound branches & growth dominating main structural branches, ensuring that material is removed systematically from throughout the tree crown to avoid uneven thinning.



Figure 1: Upright branch to be reduced



Figure 2: Upright branch to be reduced

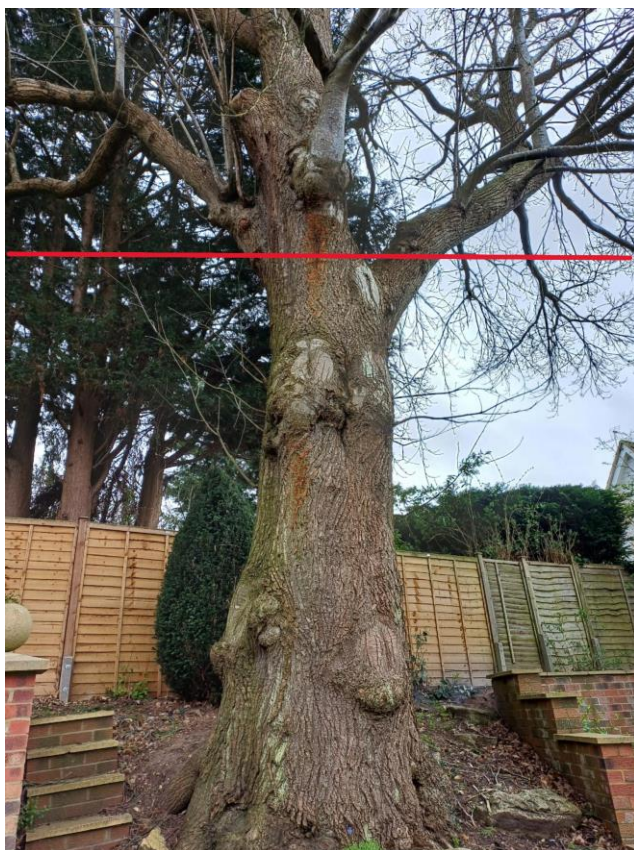


Figure 3: Height of crown break for epicormic growth removal

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood from a live tree: 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', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

3. 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 030 6000

4. 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

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

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Temple Quay House
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Website: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas)

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

Yours sincerely

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