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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Clive

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES AT 58 EASTERN AVENUE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 3rd March 2026, relating to the above.

The proposed works would appear reasonable as they are mostly for clearance purposes. Whilst the works to T.3 Strawberry tree are to reduce back into the shape of a hedge, I would also agree this is reasonable given the branches you are proposing to cut back, as shown in your photographs submitted alongside your notice (Figure 2 below), are over-extended compared to the lower section of the hedge.

Whilst the removal of deadwood proposed to T.1 Spruce, does not require notice, I have included this in the agreed works for the ease of listing purposes. The removal of deadwood is also considered reasonable.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, with reference to the reproduced annotated photographs:

- T.1 Spruce (G) in front garden: crown lift 2.5m over the driveway and 3m over the neighbour's house to give 0.5m clearance from the building, as shown in Figure 1 below; remove major deadwood in lower canopy, i.e. branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length
- T.2 Camellia and Magnolia (L) inside/rear garden: prune back Magnolia 1ft (0.3m) over the garage, as shown in Figure 1 below, and 2ft (0.6m) from the Camellia
- T.3 Strawberry tree (G/L) in rear garden: reduce back 1m and shape back into the hedge, as shown in Figure 2 below.



Figure 1: T.1 - Spruce crown lift (left); T.2 Magnolia (reduce) - prune to provide clearance of garage



Figure 2: T.3 Strawberry tree - reduce and shape back into a hedge

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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