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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mrs Balakrishnan

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. BAY TREE AT 43 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 29th March 2026, relating to the above.

I note that similar works were agreed to the Bay tree in February 2019 (notice reference: 190075), where a 50% reduction to the Bay tree was proposed. Reducing the tree by 25% is therefore considered reasonable as this is similar but lesser works than that agreed in 2019.

I note in our email exchange of 30th March 2026, you were concerned that the tree is overhanging the adjacent pavement of Morgan Road. I have therefore also included a crown lift to the statutory heights of 2.75m above ground level over the pavement, as this is a reasonable level of ground clearance. If the reduction does not alleviate the concerns regarding the tree overhanging the pavement, then a crown lift will be able to aid further clearance and will save the need for another notice. However, you do not have to undertake this if it is not necessary.

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

- 1no. Bay tree: reduce by 25%; crown lift to the height of approximately 2.75m above ground level over the pavement of Morgan Road.

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'.

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

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer