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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Barrett

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

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 30th March 2026, relating to the above.

In your email of 30th March 2026 which served as your notice, you cited '*We previously sought permission to regularly prune a Eucalyptus tree in our small back garden at 43 Alexandra Rd, RG1 5PG but, despite regularly pruning, this tree is proving unmanageable and growing too fast for the area in which it was originally planted*'.

I note in November 2023 (notice reference: 231524), a reduction to the Eucalyptus was agreed, so it is clear efforts have been made to manage and retain the tree through previous pruning. It is unfortunate that felling is now proposed, but I acknowledge that Eucalyptus are fast growing in comparison to other species and require frequent repetitive pruning when they are being maintained as part of a cyclical pruning cycle. I also appreciate you want more space and less competition with your Silver Birch trees. The Eucalyptus tree is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order, so the Council cannot object to the felling. However, replanting is always encouraged when trees are felled in Conservation Areas, as these are priority areas for tree retention and replanting within our adopted Tree Strategy. I note a Plum tree was also agreed to be felled in 2023 under a separate notice, for which replanting was encouraged also.

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

- 1no. Eucalyptus tree: fell to ground level

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