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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Gaze

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE WALNUT TREE AT 28 KENDRICK ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 18 May 2026, relating to the above.

From the photos provided of the trunk base, and from the condition of the tree's crown I suggested that the tree may be impacted by Honey fungus, given Walnut trees are susceptible to this fungus. You advised that you suspected for some time there might be Honey Fungus in the soil, as you have lost several trees (planted by you). You further advised that in the autumn you get a number of clumps of brown mushrooms close to the tree and its condition has declined over the years.

Given the condition of the tree and the risk it's condition poses, it is not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. As such, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

- Walnut in rear garden - fell due to poor condition

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

The works can now be carried out.

Conservation Areas are priority areas for tree retention and planting in our adopted Tree Strategy, due to the characteristic, verdant nature they provide these historic areas. I would therefore encourage you to carry out replacement planting to ensure no canopy

cover loss. It would be advisable to plant in a different location and chose a tree species considered to be more resistant to Honey fungus. It is also prudent to have the stump of the Walnut ground out to reduce the 'food' left behind for the fungus.

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

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