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Dear Ms Brown

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. CHERRY TREE AT 43 UPPER REDLANDS ROAD, READING
- SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 8th May 2026, relating to the above.

You and my colleague Sarah Hanson had an email exchange which discussed a pruning specification for the Cherry tree. On 14th May 2026 via said email exchange, you agreed to the indicative reduction that Sarah proposed, through an annotated photograph, which has been reproduced in Figure 1 below. I note that the reduction is desired to both provide clearance of the overhead wires and to provide clearance to statutory heights over the adjacent public pavement (2.75m), which is considered reasonable, albeit overall canopy reductions forever confine trees to a lesser size. However, the tree has limited amenity value and thereby not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order, so the Council cannot object to the works.

I encourage that no more than one third of the foliage is removed from each branch and suitable growth points are retained, in line with good arboricultural practice. I also advise you consider the timing of the works (July - September being ideal) when the tree's energy reserves are at its height and to reduce the risk of Silver Leaf disease. However, this is just advice, and it is your decision whether to follow it.

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

- 1no. Cherry tree: reduce overall canopy as shown in Figure 1, creating 2.75m of ground clearance over the adjacent public pavement (statutory heights), and a reasonable level of clearance from the overhead wires.

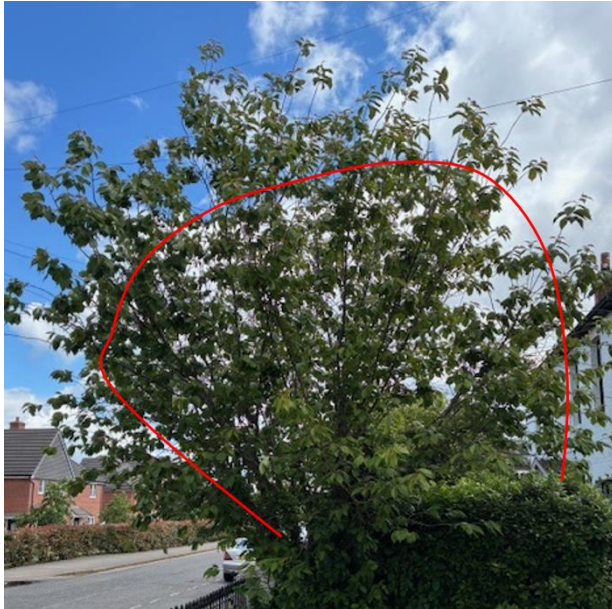


Figure 1: indicative canopy reduction to provide clearance of overhead wires and adjacent pavement

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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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer