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Dear Ms Heron

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. CONIFER GROUP AND 1NO. ROWAN TREE AT ORANA, ROUTH LANE, TILEHURST, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 9th May 2026, relating to the above.

The proposed felling of the both the Rowan and the conifers cannot be formally objected to due to neither being worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. The Rowan is small in size and unlikely to be visible from outside of the property's boundaries, thereby having limited amenity value. The conifers are of sub-optimal form, growing from several stems at the base and also having limited amenity value. Whilst they are visible from a public highway, they are not considered worthy of a TPO due to their form. I note that you have stated you would like to remove the conifers for alternative planting which is positive and we encourage that trees are included within this. Trees contribute to the character of Conservation Areas and as such are priority areas for tree retention and planting, as defined in our adopted Tree Strategy.

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

- 1no. Conifer group (multiple stems) in front garden (tree A of Notice): fell to ground level
- 1no. Rowan in rear garden (tree B of Notice): 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