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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Konstantindis,

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. ASH TREE AT ARMOUR HILL ALLOTMENTS, ARMOUR HILL, TILEHURST, READING - T1 OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 24/00 AND INCLUDED IN TPO 2/22.

Thank you for your application of 5th June 2026, regarding the above.

The Ash tree was pollarded in 2020 without authorisation, following a limb failure. Re-pollarding is considered appropriate management of the tree as this forms a cyclical maintenance programme in order to manage the regrowth. There is a large cavity noted within the tree's main stem which will have impacted the tree's structural integrity and thus re-pollarding will help manage the weight of the tree's canopy, reducing the likelihood of failure due to the comprised main stem.

When undertaking the re-pollarding, as shown in your annotated photographs and mentioned within your application form, a length of timber (approximately 0.5m-1m) should be retained above the previous pollard points to help resist further decay occurring within the main stem. The re-pollarding should not remove established/historic pruning points. The re-growth which has generated from the previous pollarding is now significant in size, which is not ideal, as the pruning cuts and thereby entry points for pathogens & decay/dysfunction will be substantial. However, it is best for the future of the tree's health, if the re-pollarding is undertaken now rather than allowing the re-growth to reach a larger size (subject to Condition 3 - timing of works).

I can therefore confirm that the following proposed works, as detailed in your application, are approved subject to the conditions below and with reference to the annotated and reproduced photograph provided:

- T1 Ash tree: re-pollard above the previous pruning points, retaining a length of timber approximately 0.5-1m above the previous pruning points, as shown in Figure 1 below.

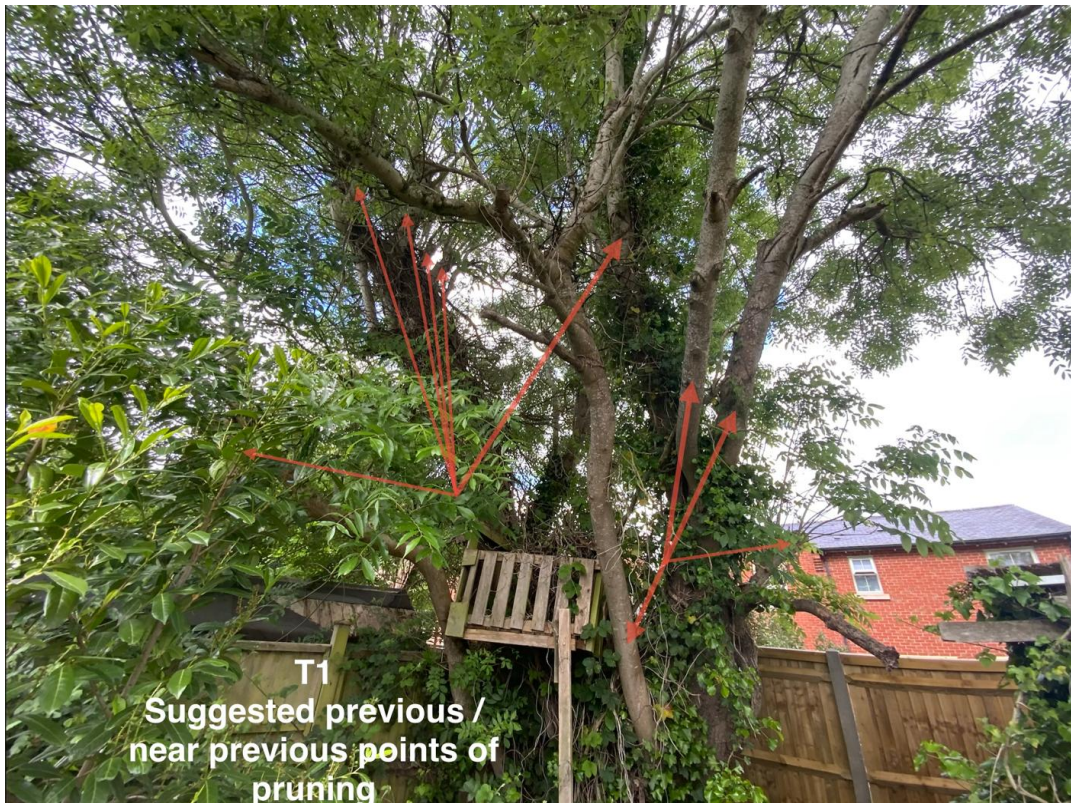


Figure 1: T1 Ash - approximate points of re-pollarding

Conditions

1. Five days' notice in writing shall be given to the Council prior to undertaking the approved works.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority is given sufficient notice of the works to enable the effective monitoring of tree work within the Borough.

2. All tree surgery shall be in accordance with BS 3998: (2010) Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure that all works are carried out in an acceptable arboricultural manner

3. The approved re-pollarding to T1 Ash tree shall be undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September) when the tree's energy reserves are at their height or during the Winter months of December - January during the period of dormancy.

Reason: Taking into account the tree's phenological cycle and in order to avoid any unnecessary detriment to the tree as a result of the pruning work.

4. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reason: Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage

Informatives

1. You are advised that, in accordance with Part 4, 17 (4) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, this decision is valid for one pruning operation (as per the approved specifications) to be undertaken within two years from the date of this notice, after which the consent lapses and a new application will be required.
2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood from a live tree: 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', you are required to give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.
3. 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 030 6000
4. Tree work consents on land not owned by the applicant: It is strongly recommended that the owner of the tree be advised of any proposed works. The owner's permission must be sought if the tree works involve work past the boundary line. This consent does not in any way imply that this Council has informed the owner of sought permission or will condone the use of consents to force any landowner to grant such permission.

If you wish to appeal against any of the conditions attached to this consent, please contact the Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of receipt of this letter to obtain the relevant forms:

Trees and Hedges, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Telephone: 0303 444 5000

E-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Website: [Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/topics/trees-and-hedges)

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

C.c. Michael, Tilehurst Peoples Local Charity (via email)