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Dear Mr Lake

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. WALNUT TREE AT 61 ALEXANDRA ROAD AND 1NO. EUCALYPTUS TREE AT 59 ALEXANDRA, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 14th May 2026, relating to the above.

Regarding the Eucalyptus, I note the three branches to be removed are significant structural branches. To minimise the likelihood of decay occurring within the tree's main stem, you may wish to reduce these branches and not remove them entirely back to their source, to avoid large pruning wounds on the main stem. However, this is just advised, and the Council cannot object to the works due to the tree not being worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

In regard to the Walnut, the works are somewhat reasonable. It is appreciated this tree is located at the neighbouring property and retaining 1m of growth over your boundary is better for future of the tree's structure and health than reducing it all the way back to the boundary line. The tree is not worthy of a TPO either, hence the works cannot be objected against. I note that in your email exchange with my colleague Sarah Hanson of 18th May 2026, that you estimated the tree currently extends approximately 4m over your boundary. Therefore, I encourage as much foliage is retained as possible and leaving suitable growth points, albeit this is also just advice. I have annotated a photograph from said email exchange, as an indicative reduction for you to consider for the pruning specification.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work, and with reference to the reproduced and re-annotated photographs below:

- 1no. Eucalyptus tree: remove 3no. branches as shown in Figure 1 & 2 below; remove minor branches to crown lift the tree to approximately 5m above ground level.
- 1no. Walnut tree (61 Alexandra Road): reduce branches overhanging the boundary line of 59 Alexandra Road to approximately 1m horizontally from the boundary fence. Please refer to Figure 3 for my indicative reduction.



Figure 1: 1no. Eucalyptus branch to be removed; Figure 2: 2no. Eucalyptus branch to be removed



Figure 3: 1no. Walnut indicative canopy reduction (for you to consider)

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
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 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