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Dear Ms E McCarthy

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 3NO. HORSE CHESTNUT TREES AT 28 HAMILTON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

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

As advised by my colleague Sarah Hanson in your email exchange of 18th May 2026, we note your intention to re-pollard the three Horse Chestnut trees. However, the last notice was in 2016, hence ten years' worth of regrowth will have generated which is significant. Therefore, to minimise the pruning wounds and thereby entry points for pathogens & decay/dysfunction, we advise the trees are re-pollarded above the previous pollard points, at a point where the pruning wounds will be less substantial. This may involve a crown reduction instead, depending on the size (diameter) of regrowth above the previous pruning points. It would be best to take advice from your tree surgeon on the extent of work that would be best in terms of reducing the impact on the trees' future health, particularly given this species is more prone to decay of pruning points.

I note you wish to undertake these works in autumn, which Sarah advised against and recommended that it would be best undertaken during the late summer months (August - September).

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

- 3no. Horse Chestnut trees: re-pollard

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