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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Mitchell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. PRIVET AT 220 KINGS ROAD, RED BALLOON LEARNER CENTRE, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 4th June 2026, relating to the above.

The works are considered reasonable maintenance of the tree given the species. It is common for Privet to be maintained as hedges/shrubs and are expected to tolerate this level of pruning. I note from your annotated photograph that the Privet is overhanging the neighbouring property's boundary line, and thus the reduction proposed will improve the clearance from said boundary line.

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

- T.1 Privet: reduce the crown by approximately 2m in height and spread, as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: T.1 Privet - indicative 2m reduction in height and spread

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. 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

C.c. Ms Lawrance, Red Balloon Learner Centre