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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr White

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES, SHRUBS & HEDGES AT 42 NEW ROAD, 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 trees, shrubs and hedges. I note in July 2023 (notice reference: 230734), similar works to some of the trees and shrubs included within this notice were agreed. The works to both Honeysuckles (T6 & T7) and the Star Jasmine (T8) are not within the notice requirements hence are not included in the works below, but it I acknowledge these will be undertaken. Some of the other works may also not meet notice requirements, but it is difficult to appreciate with unknown species and stem diameters, so they are included in the works below for the avoidance of doubt.

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

- T1 Variegated shrub: reshape crown as shown in Figure 1.
- T2 Beech: Trim top and sides removing as much material as practicable whilst retaining greenery as shown in Figure 2.
- T3 Pyracantha: trim and tidy removing as much material as practicable whilst retaining greenery as shown in Figure 3.
- T4 conifer hedge: reduce height of hedge and trim sides, removing as much material as practicable whilst retaining greenery as shown in Figure 4.
- T5 overhanging vegetation: cut overhanging vegetation next to greenhouse back to the boundary line (see Figure 5).



Figure 1: T1 - reshape crown



Figure 2: T2 - trim top and sides



Figure 3: T3 - trim & tidy



Figure 4: T4 - reduce height of hedge and trim sides



Figure 5: T5 - overhanging vegetation to be cut back to boundary line

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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