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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Ms Verran

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. PAPER BIRCH TREE AT 29 DENMARK ROAD, READING -
SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 17th June 2026, relating to the above.

The justification for the proposed reduction is unclear; however, as the tree is located in the rear garden and it is not visible from the public realm, it has limited amenity value and thus not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order hence we cannot object to the works. As this species does not resist decay well, I encourage that the size of the pruning wounds and thereby entry points for pathogens & decay/dysfunction are minimised as much as possible. The proposed crown lifting is reasonable, whilst your notice doesn't state for ground clearance purposes, this would be agreeable. I encourage that secondary growth only is removed and avoiding the removal of main branches from the main stem.

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

- T1 Paper Birch: crown reduce by approximately 20% of leaf area being approximately 2m in radial spread and up to 2m in height; crown lift, through 360°, to approximately 2.5m above ground level



T1 Paper Birch: crown reduction & crown lift

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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