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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mrs Namaseevayum

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO ONE HORNBEAM AND ONE LIME AT 3 NOTLEY PLACE,
READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 29 May 2026, relating to the above.

Your Notice follows recent application PL/26/0264 which approved the felling TPO T20, T21 & T22 Hornbeams as a result of tree related subsidence, submitted by Innovation Group (IG) on behalf of your insurers. The Arboricultural Reported submitted with that application recommend pruning of other trees, in addition to the felling of the 3 Hornbeam, however this additional work was not included in that application, for whatever reason.

This additional work included the 30% crown reduction of the Hornbeam (T2 of that report) and maintenance of a Lime (T9 of that report) subject to this tree works notice.

You have given notice of intention to fell the Hornbeam instead of the recommended reduction, which you advised was due to its condition; being noticeably poorer than the adjacent TPO Hornbeam (due to be felled). The Lime in question appears to be regrowth from a previously felled Lime tree.

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

- Hornbeam (T2 of aforementioned report; located between TPO Hornbeam T20 and TPO Sycamore T19) - fell
- Lime (T9 of aforementioned report) - reduce height by 2-3 and spread by 2m; crown lift to ensure 5.5m clearance above Surley Row; reduce in height

This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

Replanting for the Hornbeam is encouraged, of a suitable species and at a suitable distance from the property, to minimise canopy cover loss which is contrary to the aims of our adopted Tree Strategy; Conservation Areas being priority areas for tree retention and planting.

Proposed works to the trees subject to TPO 50/13 are dealt with separately under tree works application PL/26/0712.

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'.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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Natural Environment Officer

C.c. Innovation Group