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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Taylor

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF READING LONDON ROAD CAMPUS, LONDON ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 26 June 2026, relating to the above, with accompanying table of tree works.

Further to our site meeting of 16 July 2026, I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the works as listed in the table of tree works.

Works are considered reasonable to provide clearance above ground, from buildings and/or for good arboricultural management.

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

The works can now be carried out.

The works include the felling of one dead tree; that being 02JR Cherry. Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can. In this case the Council would expect a replacement tree of a minimum 8-10cm girth and 2.75m high (at time of planting) to be planted on the campus in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling, whichever is soonest. The chosen species should be of an ultimately similar size to the tree felled. As you are familiar with which

species are thriving and which are not within the grounds, I will leave you to decide on the species.

I note an additional 4 trees (02K9 Whitebeam, 02L9 Cypress, 02LA Cypress & 02KS Cherry) are also being felled for various reasons. I would encourage replacement planting of these to avoid loss of canopy cover, contrary to the aims of the Council's adopted Tree Strategy, which relies on large land owners such as the University in order to achieve its objectives. No doubt the University will have its own 'green' objectives as well.

The works to TPO trees are dealt with separately under tree works application PL/26/0853.

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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