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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Mitchell

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO VARIOUS TREES AT 10 REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 3rd July 2026, relating to the above.

The crown lifting of T2 Yew, T3 Yew, T5 Ash, T6 Horse Chestnut, G7 5no. Yews and T9 Yew are considered reasonable maintenance of trees. Whilst not specifically stated in your application form, it is assumed that these works are proposed for ground clearance purposes.

The reasoning for reducing the height of T10 Pear is not specifically stated, albeit I note the competing central leaders in Figure 1 below, with the left leader's form being questionable. So, it is assumed this aims to reduce the likelihood of branch failure and to create a more uniform shape of the canopy. The justification for pollarding T11 Laburnum, also isn't provided, but I note the tree has a significant lean in Figure 2 below, hence may aim manage the weight load on the main stem, reducing the likelihood of failure. Neither tree is worthy of a Tree Preservation Order, being small in size and located in a rear garden so have limited amenity value, hence the Council cannot object to the works. However, you may wish to consider Informative 3 below regarding the timing of the works to T10 Pear.

Whilst not included in your application form, I note you have provided a photograph of T8, which appears to be a Cherry and is proposed to be felled. The felling is considered reasonable as the tree is dead; it's condition can be seen in Figure 3 below. As the site is within a Conservation Area, under Section 213 (1) of the Town and County Planning Act, a landowner has the duty to replant a replacement tree.

I note that G1 and T4 are annotated on your Sketch Map, although there are no works proposed in your application form, or shown in annotated photographs. If any works are proposed to these trees, they will require a separate notice as we haven't been notified of these. Please ensure that all works are demonstrated in the future, as that for T8 wasn't included in your application form and will negate the need for another notice, should one be required.

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

- T2 Yew: crown lift to approximately 2.5m above ground level, through 360°, apart from 3/4 larger branches growing on the west aspect of the canopy which will be crown lifted to approximately 1-1.5m above ground level by removing secondary branches.
- T3 Yew: crown lift to approximately 2.5m above ground level, through 360°.
- T5 Ash: crown lift to approximately 2.5m above ground level, through 360°.
- T6 Horse Chestnut: crown lift to approximately 3.5m above ground level, through 360°.
- G7 5no. Yews: crown lift to approximately 2.5m above ground level, through 360°.
- T8 Cherry (dead): fell to ground level
- T9 Yew: crown lift to approximately 2.5m above ground level, through 360°.
- T10 Pear: reduce in height by approximately 3m, as shown in Figure 1 below.
- T11 Laburnum: pollard at approximately 3m in height above ground level.



Figure 1: T10 Pear - 3m height reduction



Figure 2: T11 Laburnum - pollard at 3m above ground level



Figure 3: T8 Cherry (dead) - fell to ground level

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. To reduce the likelihood of Silver Leaf disease, the works to T10 Pear are best undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September)
4. 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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C.c. Mr Keeble, Contract Trading Services