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Amy Daly: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr White

**RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. LILAC TREE, 1NO. OLIVE TREE, 1NO. PURPLE PLUM TREE & 1NO. PINE TREE AT 7 NEW ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.**

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026, relating to the above.

I note that in July 2021 (notice reference: 211113) similar works were agreed to both the Lilac tree and Olive tree, hence repeating these works is considered reasonable. I note that the Lilac tree has a compromised base, so it is hoped that these works help to manage the weight load of the crown and reduce the likelihood of failure.

The justification for reducing the Plum tree has not been provided to aid our understanding for the proposed pruning. However, the Council can only object to the works if the tree is worthy of a Tree Preservation Order, and with it being small in size and located in the rear garden, it is not.

The removal of deadwood proposed to the Pine does not require formal consent hence not included in the works below. However, we have noted your intention to undertake this.

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

- 1no. Lilac tree: reduce crown as shown in Figure 1 below.
- 1no. Olive tree: reduce crown as shown in Figure 2 below.
- 1no. Purple Plum tree: reduce crown as shown in Figure 3 below.



Figure 1: Lilac tree - crown reduction



Figure 2: Olive tree - crown reduction



Figure 3: Purple Plum tree - crown reduction

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](mailto: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 the Olive and Purple Plum are best undertaken in mid-late Summer (July - September)

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

Yours sincerely

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On Behalf of Sarah Hanson, Natural Environment Officer

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