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Dear Mr White

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO 1NO. ELM TREE AND 1NO. SYCAMORE TREE AT 90 KENDRICK ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 18th August 2026, relating to the above.

The works can only be objected to if the trees are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. In this case the Sycamore is not considered worthy of a TPO as it is relatively small in size, thereby having limited amenity value. Its long-term retention is unlikely feasible if left unmanaged due to the proximity to the property and the ultimate size of the species. However, to allow for tree retention which is always encouraged in Conservation Areas, lesser works such as a reduction or pollarding could confine its size, creating sufficient clearance from the property with cyclical management pruning to maintain clearance thereafter.

As the Elm tree is dead, a formal S.211 Notice for its felling is not required. Under Section 213 (1) of the Town and County Planning Act, a landowner has the duty to replant a replacement tree. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as they reasonably can. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any advice is needed regarding this, such as species choice.

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

- 1no. Sycamore: fell to ground level
- 1no Elm (dead): fell to ground level

As you will be aware, trees contribute to the character of the Conservation Area and as such, these areas are a priority for tree retention and planting in our adopted Tree Strategy. Replacement replanting is therefore encouraged when removing trees (the Sycamore) in Conservation Areas and I hope this is something that is considered. For clarity, this is separate to the duty to replant for the dead Elm.

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'.

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

Yours sincerely

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