

Mr J Darker
Parish Councillor and Tree Warden

Our Ref: T/00291/17/TCA

Date: 6 September 2017

Dear Mr Darker

WORK TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA
PROPOSAL: TO CARRY TREE WORKS AS PER SCHEDULE DATED JULY 2017
AT SHERFIELD VILLAGE GREEN, SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON, HAMPSHIRE

I am writing to inform you that we have no objection to the above notice for tree work. Therefore, you have a period of two years from the date of your notice to carry out the work. If the work is not carried out within this timeframe, another notice will be required.

The work must be completed in strict accordance with the description provided on your application and any subsequent amendments that may have been agreed in writing with the Tree Officer. Failure to comply with this may breach the tree protection legislation. Please also note the important information printed on the back of this letter.

If you require any further information or advice please contact me by e-mailing dave.harris@basingstoke.gov.uk or telephone 01256 845500.

Yours sincerely
Dave Harris
Tree Officer

Informative(s):-

1. Your application will determine whether the proposed tree works are acceptable in planning terms. Please be aware that this will not automatically override your responsibilities under other legislation and in particular your attention is drawn to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994. These Acts and Regulations protect ALL wild birds, their nests (whether in use or being built) and eggs and other wild animals including bats and their roosts in or adjacent to trees. In simple terms, you should make sure that there are no wild birds nesting in or bats roosting in or adjacent to the tree(s) that you are proposing to work on. It is a criminal offence to recklessly or intentionally destroy any bird, its nest or its eggs or any bat or its roost (even if the roost is not occupied at the time).

2. This decision notice, along with any observations that have been made on the application file, does not constitute a tree safety inspection. Neither does this decision indemnify the tree owner against any future damage caused by the tree. The tree has been assessed only as far as is necessary to determine the suitability of the proposed work. In the absence of any supporting technical evidence, submitted from an appropriate expert, which relates to the trees condition, the decision is based on the assumption that the tree is in good health and structural integrity. If you have concerns about the condition of the tree, you are advised to contact the Arboricultural Association at www.trees.org.uk for independent advice (a fee may be applicable).