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Contact Jerry Willis, Tree Officer
Date 06th February 2018

Dear Mr. K Legg

Protection Trees East Cowes (Centre) Conservation Area

Location East Cowes Liberal Club, York Avenue, East Cowes

Thank you for your notification dated 3 December 2017, received on 4 December 2017, of your intent to carry out work to a tree at the above address.

Following the Officer's site visit on 19th December 2017, I confirm:

No objection to the following:

To the removal of the weeping ash and replacing the tree with a *Betula pendula* Youngii.

Reason: The tree is infected with the fungal body *Inonotus hispidus*, which undermines the strength of the tree and often indicates that breakage of the affected branch or trunk could be imminent.

Advisory Note

- All work should be carried out to a minimum of BS3998 2010 "Recommendations for Tree Work" or current industry "best practice". Working practices should comply with guidance and regulations issued by the Health & Safety Executive.

Reason: To ensure the health and future amenity value of the trees.

- Outside of the formal section 211 process the following options could be considered and investigated further by the applicant (with responsibility for the tree) :
 - a) Retain and reduce the tree reducing the weight stress to the weakened area.
 - b) As a) but also to design and install additional support structures for the areas of the reduced crown.

However, the council has no legal powers to require such approaches through the section 211 process as the notification is to remove the tree. Island Roads is aware that the period within which the council should make a decision has expired, but has agreed not to take any action until it has had a chance to receive and consider this report. It is therefore suggested that:

- This report is shared both with the highways PFI contractor (Island Roads) and with other interested parties, so that options a and b can be considered by the contractor. Other parties

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would similarly be invited to comment on the option of transferring liability to a third party. A period of 21 days should be given for responses.

A decision on how to manage the tree is then taken following receipt of comments, and that the decision will be made publicly available. It is suggested that no work be undertaken on the tree until this final decision has been made.

Informatives:

- If a tree is to be felled please notify the Council at least 7 days prior to the work taking place.
Reason: to enable amendments of Tree Preservation data and in case of calls from members of the public who may witness work taking place.
- Notice should be given when work has commenced in order to assist a review of completed work.
Reason: To ensure that work has been carried out to an acceptable standard and is compliant to the consent given.
- The consented work given in this letter is valid for **1 year** from the date of this letter. After the expiry of this time a further application for consent will have to be made.
Reason: Trees are a dynamic organism and their condition can change within one season, as such if work is not carried out within this time re-assessment will be necessary.

Advisories:

- Please ensure that this letter is available on site when the works are carried out.
- It is your and your client's responsibility to establish who owns the trees and, if necessary, obtain the owner's agreement to the works.

If you have any queries, please contact myself or Planning Services.

Yours sincerely

pp Wendy Perera
Head of Place

Enc: Replanting Slip

cc Cllr Karl Love
East Cowes Town Council

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