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4th December 2023  
Our Ref: 23/03779/ATP

Dear Sir/Madam,

34A Baker Street Waddesdon Buckinghamshire HP18 0LQ

### **T1 - Horse Chestnut**

**Reduction Strategy Implementing a gradual and sensitive reduction plan would be highly advantageous in mitigating the risk posed by falling branches. In this scenario, the tree presents a risk due to its species, historical damage, and sheer size. It stands prominently within a frequently used garden where family activities take place, making any reduction a welcome improvement in terms of both safety and available space.**

### **The reduction Plan.**

**Year One Mid-summer Works: Selectively pruning the longest and highest limbs (see Fig. 1) by approx.**

**4m to 5m making the cuts at an area of hollowing to minimise the open wound. This will be severe but**

**no other works will be done to allow for recovery. As much foliage will be kept on the rest of the tree**

**to allow for maximum photosynthesis.**

**Year One: Height**

**reduction:**

**Year Two to Three:**

**Reduction to shape**

**Note before continuing with Year two: If the tree is deemed healthy after the work in phase 1, a thorough inspection should be conducted before**

**the conclusion of year 2. If the tree has fully recovered, phase 2 can be initiated just before the end**

**of year 2. However, if there are concerns about the tree's recovery, phase 2 should be postponed**

**until year 3. It is important to note that the council application remains valid for 3 years. Therefore,**

**it is advisable to have a professional review the plan for phase 2 before proceeding.**

**Year Two or Three Mid-summer works: Overall reduction of no more than 20% with no stub cuts**

**left. This will be needed to reshape the trees and give the final shape. This delicate operation**

**should be entrusted to a qualified and knowledgeable arborist, adhering to the BS3998**

**standard**

**See the attached report for detailed plans**

Thank you for your application which was registered on the 4th December 2023. The application is being dealt with.

There is no fee necessary for this application.

If I have not sent you a decision by 29th January 2024 and you have not agreed to extend the period for the Council to make a decision, you then have a period of 28 days in which you can lodge an appeal with the Secretary of State for the Environment on a form available from the Department of the Environment, Eastern Regional Office (Environment), Heron House, 49-51 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3LL. You will appreciate that it is not always possible for an application to be dealt with within the period given, and you may wish to contact this office before proceeding further with an appeal as once an appeal is lodged, a decision on the application cannot be made by the Council.

To ensure our records are always up to date, please let us know if you change your postal or email address.

Yours faithfully,

The Business Support Team

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