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**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)
Order 2015
Notification of Decision**

Application Number: APP/17/01332

Site Address: St Thomas Church, Bidbury Lane, Havant

Proposed Tree Works: Remove badly damaged primary stem on 1no. Cherry tree within Conservation Area Old Bedhampton.

Further to your notification received on 14 December 2017, Havant Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, advises that it **Raises No Objection** to the above tree work in Old Bedhampton Conservation Area.

This decision is subject to:

- (i) The work being carried out in accordance with the details submitted with your notification.

If you wish to vary the works proposed or carry out the work at a later time it may be necessary to submit a further formal notice under the above Act and give the Council as Local Planning Authority a further 6 weeks to reach a decision. Should you wish to obtain any further advice in this matter, please contact the Council's Tree Officer by ringing in the first instance the Customer Service Centre on 023 9244 6015.

You must consider the timing and type of tree work operations to avoid causing disturbance to any nesting or breeding birds or bat roosts that may be present within trees in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Before any felling of trees, tree surgery, or ground clearance commences, a thorough external inspection of the tree should be undertaken. If any protected species are identified during the inspection, you should refer to Natural England's Protected Species Standing and seek the advice of a qualified ecologist in how to proceed. Details are available via the main enquiry line 0300 060 3900 or at:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/advice.aspx>

Disturbance to nesting birds during the months between April and September should be avoided.

The following factors increase the probability of trees being used by roosting bats:

- Located in ancient woodland or parkland
- Large trees with complex growth form

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Species that typically form cavities, such as beech, willow or ash
Visible damage caused by rot, wind, woodpeckers, lightning strike etc.
Loose bark providing cavities

If nesting birds or bat roosts have been disturbed (and therefore a breach of the above-mentioned legislation has taken place), you should report the matter to the Police immediately, as a wildlife crime may have been committed.

Other Important Information

In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF Havant Borough Council (HBC) takes a positive and proactive approach and works with applicants/agents on development proposals in a manner focused on solutions by:

- Offering a pre-application advice service, and
- Updating you of any issues that may arise in the processing of your application and where possible suggesting solutions, and,

In this instance:

Your application was acceptable as submitted and no further assistance was required.

Natalie Meagher

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Head of Neighbourhood Support

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