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Dear Mr Patel

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 4, 1977

Further to my site visit on 22 November 2021, in order to ascertain why two protected trees had been felled without consent.

Having seen for myself the location of the two trees in question, I can confirm that had a tree work application been submitted, I would have granted consent for the felling.

However, considering that the two trees were protected by a tree preservation order, I still require a retrospective tree work application to be submitted (forms enclosed) to cover the two trees in question. Also, to record the removal of the two trees and in order to maintain a record of consent given under the Town and Country Planning Act (tree legislation). Therefore, please return the tree work application form completed and include the following:

- one tree affecting the structural integrity of a boundary wall; and
- one tree with storm damage central leader and asymmetrical crown posing a risk to the adjacent highway.

Please email back the completed form in order for me to issue a retrospective decision notice and secure a replanting condition.

With regard to the remaining protected trees, any future tree work will require a tree work application to be submitted in order for the Council to consider and in order to issue the relevant decision notice. In addition, it would be advisable to arrange for a comprehensive tree risk assessment to be carried out of all remaining protected trees on your land by an arboricultural consultant with public indemnity insurance (RVBC website/planning building and countryside/trees and countryside/tree care specialist/arboricultural consultants).

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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