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Our Ref : **AB/4/14/TC**

Your Ref:

Please ask for :
Mr J Smith
01903 737761

Dear Mr Acklan,

Reduce height and spread of 2 no Silver Birch trees by 1.5m overall within the Arundel Conservation Area.

Communal Courtyard, Ninevah Shipyard, Arundel,

I refer to your recent notification of your intention to carry out the above mentioned works and write to inform you that, after consideration of your proposal, it has been decided not to make a Tree Preservation Order in this case. You may therefore proceed with the works outlined in your notification.

INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.

INFORMATIVE: The Council's Arboriculturalist has suggested that the trees are each reduced by 20% relative to their size rather than a blanket 1.5 metre reduction.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration