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Dear Mrs Cameron,

23rd April 2014

Thank you for your letter dated 26th March 2014. We apologise for not responding to you earlier

In respect of your request concerning the trees at the back of our garden (these trees are covered by a blanket Tree Preservation Order issued by the Arun District Council), Caroline and I are happy that you apply for Planning Consent to remove whatever branches are now over-hanging into your garden and that this work will be at your own expense. Please note however, that before any work is carried out Caroline and I will need to see evidence of any agreement from the Arun District Council Planning department that such work is permitted, agree the limit and extent of the work that you are seeking to be carried out and finally that the work is only undertaken by a tree surgeon recognised as being competent by the Council's arboriculture officer to ensure that the none of the trees are unintentionally damaged due to excessive pruning, cutting etc.

On a different note, you'll recall that last year we had many incidents of rats coming into our property from a nest located from within your own garden. This nest position was identified by the Council's Pest Control department after we had paid for their consultation and subsequent treatments. I believe that Pest Control subsequently wrote to you stating that to help avoid future incidents of infestation all of the tree/bush prunings you had placed against our jointly owned fence were to be removed in order to help ameliorate the infestation. Whilst we thank you for attending to the Environmental Health department requirements last year, we note that branch cuttings are again being piled up against the fence. At the same time we are again experiencing vermin coming into our garden and their point of entry appears to be from the same location used by the rats last year.

We are prepared to pay for further pest control ourselves for a problem that is ostensibly not of our making, but would appreciate if you would be kind enough to remove the build-up of garden refuse you are storing at the rear of your garden as this seems to be an important contributor to the vermin infestation.

Kind regards,

Jim and Caroline Henn