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From: James Baird [REDACTED]

To: Jennifer Murphy [REDACTED]

Date: Friday 15 June, 05:47

Hello Jennifer,

Thanks for your email, you are correct, I am the owner of the woodland, your new neighbour.

The law surrounding overhanging branches is well settled and there is lots of information online about it, also Arun District Council has a tree officer who can assist you with information.

In short there is nothing from stopping you from cutting back any overhanging branches yourself, you don't need my permission, except in law, the branches remain mine and should be returned to me.

I have no objection to you cutting back any overhanging branches to the boundary line.

However, the trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and as such require permission from the Local Planning Authority before any lopping or topping can take place, it would be an offence to do so otherwise, unless you can demonstrate the works are exempt.

The best advice I can offer you is to make contact with Arun Council's tree officer to discuss the best way forward, including the application of any exemptions.

I hope that all makes sense and helps.

with kind regards

James

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From: Jennifer Murphy [REDACTED]

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Morning James

Many thanks for replying so quickly and the information you provided is very helpful and I shall contact Arun council tree officer and see what happens.