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**From:** Andrew Ratcliffe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 October 2026 10:01  
**To:** Silvie Steiningerova <Silvie.Steiningerova@arun.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: WA/77/26/T- Gable House, The Street

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OK, disappointing but understood.

Please withdraw the application.

Regards  
Andrew Ratcliffe

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**From:** Silvie Steiningerova <[Silvie.Steiningerova@arun.gov.uk](mailto:Silvie.Steiningerova@arun.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Friday, 09 October 2026 08:28:48

**Subject:** WA/77/26/T- Gable House, The Street

Dear Andrew,

I am writing in relation to the above Tree works application, as I have received comments from our Tree Officer.

The tree appears to be in sound and healthy condition and the tree works has not been justified on Arboricultural grounds. As such, the application will be recommended for refusal.

If the applicant wishes to exercise their right to withdraw the application, written confirmation should be submitted to me by email no later than 12pm on 9 October 2026.

Please see the below Tree Officer's comments for your reference

*"I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources.*

*No photographs were available to me and I have been unable to assess from site in good time. That said, the tree was made subject of a preservation order in response to a notice of intent to fell back in 2021, at which time I noted its excellent form.*

*Silver birch trees are typically leggy and open crowned, which along with pendulous small branches and shoots contribute to their visual appeal. To initiate whole crown reduction pruning would irrevocably spoil this effect, significantly reducing its amenity value. They have a poor tolerance of hard pruning and are quick to form cavities at the site of pruning wounds.*

**Conclusions:**

*The tree is seemingly in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds and would be unduly detriment to the visual amenities of the locality. "*

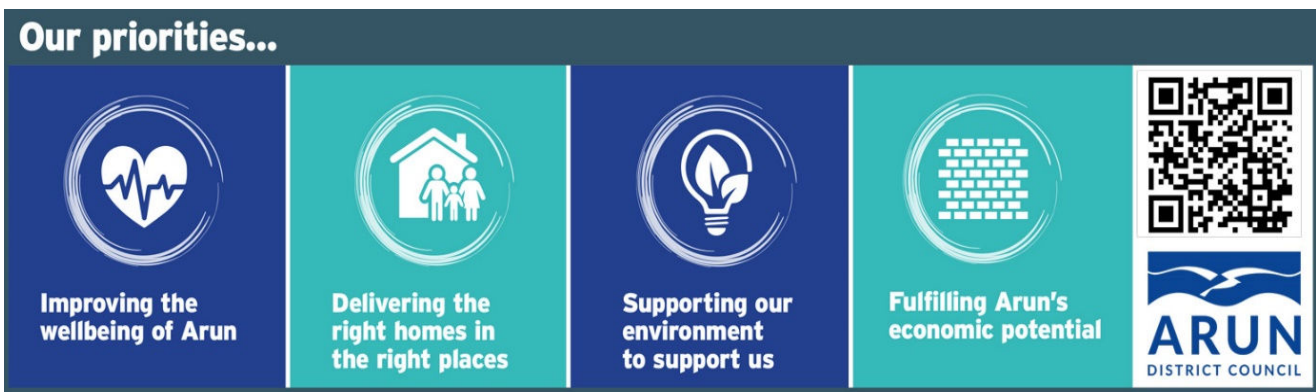
Kind regards,  
**Silvie Steiningerova**  
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