



For the attention of Ms Curtain, Ms Forde, Mr Goldsmid and Ms Botterill-Downs

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By email and by post

24th February 2022

Dear all,

Tree preservation in Berkhamsted

I am writing on behalf of the Berkhamsted Town Council Planning Committee, of which I am Chair.

As you will be aware, Berkhamsted Town Council is particularly keen to preserve trees across the town. This applies to trees on both private and public land: the impact of trees to mitigating pollution, reducing noise and supporting wildlife benefits the whole town irrespective of their location.

We are therefore concerned to see that a number of applications for the felling of trees have been granted before Berkhamsted Town Council has had the opportunity to respond. In a number of cases, we would have objected. Unless there is an issue of safety or undue crowding of trees so they cannot thrive, Berkhamsted Town Council usually objects to the felling of significant, large or slow-growing trees. Where we do not object, we request that trees be replaced with another of a native species, usually on a one-for-one basis in an appropriate nearby location.

I am therefore asking that, unless there is an urgent safety risk, no application for the felling of a tree be granted without giving Berkhamsted Town Council the opportunity to respond.

Further, I would ask that Dacorum Borough Council consider further measures to protect and increase the number of trees across the town.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter White'.

Peter White
Chair, Berkhamsted Town Council Planning Committee