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Dear Mrs Phillips

The Sycamores, 60 Windsor Street, Burbage, Leics.
Application - 11/00355/TPO

Further to our conversation yesterday I spoke again with the applicant. We think it would be beneficial if we met you and Mr Simpson (Tree specialist LCC) on site to discuss alternative proposals.

We would like to amend the application to removal of T4/5, T3 & T2, but replace these with two new Acer Lobelli tree's in positions T6 & T7. As can be seen by the satellite picture attached there is excessive shading to the public garden. Many householders have successfully gained permission to remove tree's due to over shading to their private garden so why not to a public garden?

The high hedges legislation was introduced to also restrict the amount of shading from hedges and groups of trees, not dissimilar to T4/5, T3 & T2.

T2 and T3 in particular have previously had too many limbs removed and the crowns are such a height from the ground that the trees are not good examples of their species and of little value visually. By replacing these with younger trees we are in affect carrying out good foresting by introducing new trees to the life cycle of the grouping. It would also be the client's intention to see that the new trees are properly maintained so that they remain in a shape and profile of their natural form.

From discussions we agree that T1 should be retained but, have a crown reduction and thinning by not more than 20%. By looking at photograph "Trees 006" you can clearly see that the addition of a new tree at T6 would give a much improved visual amenity to the view from Windsor Street.

We ask that the above points be considered for approval in your recommendations as this would also mean that replanting can be put in place within the next season as opposed to delays caused by resubmitting another application.

Yours sincerely

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