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Your contact
is: Sarah Hanson, Planning & Building Control

Dear Mr Fahy

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: 133/05 RELATING TO 19 COPPERFIELDS, READING
APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER: 170843/TPO**

I acknowledge receipt of your application of 24 May 2017 under the above Tree Preservation Order to carry out the following works:

- Fell one dead False Acacia

Your application was received by us on 24 May 2017.

Following my visit of 9 June 2017, I can confirm that an application for works is not required for the following reason(s):

- The tree is dead

Under Section 206(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, a landowner is under a duty to replace a tree which is removed because it is dead or dangerous. The duty on the landowner is to plant another tree of an appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he or she reasonably can.

In this case the Council would expect a replacement tree of a minimum 10-12cm girth and 3m high to be planted in the rear garden in the planting season (Nov-March) following or at the time of felling.

You indicated during my visit that you would ideally like to plant a replacement False acacia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) but that you are having trouble sourcing this species. If, following further enquiries to the suppliers I suggested, you cannot obtain a False acacia, the replacement with a Silver birch (*Betula pendula*), as you have indicated, would be acceptable. Alternatively, you might like to consider a Honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*) as this has a more similar appearance to a *Robinia pseudoacacia*. There are several thornless varieties available such as *G. triacanthos* Inermis and *G. triacanthos* Sunburst (yellow foliage) which might be preferable for maintenance purposes.

Please let us know when the replacement has been planted and which species was planted so we can update our records – a photograph of the replacement would be appreciated.

If you feel that the duty to replant should be dispensed with in this case, please write to the Council within 28 days of the date of this letter with justification for the request.

If you would like any further information about your application or our procedures, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson
Natural Environment Officer