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Mrs M. Sansom
Chair of the Friends of Verulamium Park

Dear Mrs Sansom

Petition for Tree Planting in Verulamium Park

Further to our meeting on Wednesday 5th January 2011, I can now update you as to the latest position regarding tree planting at Verulamium Park.

A strategy has been agreed to replace and plant new trees. A natural regeneration programme will be adopted which will involve allowing existing hedge line areas in the park to grow naturally over a five year period, subject to selective pruning in year three.

In addition, there will be provision to plant new trees in the centre of the park in the same locations as trees which have been removed previously due to disease. The works will involve digging small trenches as part of a community project to ascertain how much impact the trees will have on the underlying structure. This will also provide us with valuable geotechnical data which will be used for any further applications in the future to English Heritage.

The Council has discussed these measures with you, as the representative of the Friends of Verulamium Park, and English Heritage which acts as guardian of those areas of the park which are of archaeological significance. The projects will be carried out in conjunction with English Heritage to implement these measures.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Nikolas Khan on 01727 819366.

Yours sincerely

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