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Our Ref: HRN/2017/001
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Date: 28 March 2017

Dear Sirs,

RE: Hedgerow Removal Notice received: 17 February 2017

Application Address: Land at Amwell Farm, Down Green Lane, Nomansland, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire AL4

Application: Removal of 20m length of hedgerow. Reason: To create access to agricultural grazing land

Report and Decision: I refer to your application dated 17 February 2017.

I confirm this Council **grants permission** for the above works the impact of which will require the removal of approximately 18 coppiced trees consisting of Elm, Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Elder and Hazel.

Although we concluded that the makeup of the hedge makes it important under the Regulations, the overall quality is poor with much of the Elm content being dead and the ground being damaged by Rabbit burrows.

The proposed removal of 20m will therefore not represent a significant loss of hedgerow in that location especially if replacement planting as stated in your notice is carried out.

Please note the following as part of this Council's decision:

1. A mature Oak standing at the southern end of the area of hedge to be removed will have roots present in the surrounding soil which will be vulnerable to damage if level changes occur beyond the new hard surfaced entrance.
2. Replacement planting species should reflect the species removed with the exception of Elm and not include Holly. These species are Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Elder and Hazel. Field Maple can also be included. Planted material will require protection through the use of Rabbit guards.
3. Bats and their roosts remain protected at all times under National and European law. If bats or evidence for them is discovered during the course of site clearance, work must stop immediately and advice sought on how to proceed lawfully from Natural England (Tel: 0300 060 3900) or a licensed bat consultant.



4. Nesting Birds are protected by law and must therefore not be disturbed if they are affected by the works.

Please can you ensure the above informatives are noted before the approved works commence.

The decisions and contents within this letter will remain valid for two years from the above date.

Please note it is your responsibility to obtain permission from the hedge owner if this is required for the works, including permission to enter land not in your ownership or that of your client. This permission is only valid for the works applied for and any works carried out in excess of this permission may result in prosecution.

Signed



Tracy Harvey

Head of Planning & Building Control

On behalf of St Albans City and District Council

