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Dear Mr Smith,

Trees in Conservation Area, 1 Glen Road, Peebles

In reply to your application for tree works, I've now visited the site and looked at the Cypresses. Given the species and their individual form, all the trees from 6m-8m in height have multi-stemmed leaders. Longer term I would have concerns that individual leaders would fail due to poor unions, once a stem has failed it leaves the remainder more exposed and liable to fail in adverse conditions. The level change on the court side has also exposed a number of roots.

I therefore have no objections to their removal based on condition and limited safe long term retention in a public area. The hedge specification is acceptable, maintenance is essential to ensure successful establishment. While not formal requirement, I would suggest a couple of Hornbeams in the hedgerow, they have compact crowns and if planted at either end of the hedge would when established 'frame' the court when viewed from the park.

All tree work must adhere to BS3998:2010 and be undertaken by competent contractors. If you have any queries, I can be contacted at Council HQ.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Wilkinson