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Dear Mr Brown,

In reference to your letter dated the 4th of April 2014. The 'duty of care' is with regard to the Owners and Occupiers Liability (1957 and 1984) and not the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act.

I was contacted by James Plaskett about the removal of the three Sycamore trees growing by the work shops/ barns in the field in question, no permission was required as they were not subject to any legislation. These were the only trees discussed in our telephone conversation.

The Tree Preservation Order was made in response to a planning enquiry which proposed to construct 126 dwellings on the land surrounding the tree. I received the proposed site plan and made a site visit to find that the majority of trees on the site had been cut down.

Given the age of the Oak tree and its stature within the landscape, the Tree Preservation will ensure that it is paid due diligence throughout the planning process. It can then continue to be a feature of the landscape and possible street scene providing amenity to any prospective new home owners for many generations to come.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Onions
Tree & Woodland Officer