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Business Unit : **Landscape Services**
Our Ref : TRE/2026/0860
Your Ref :
Date : 14 April 2026
Ask For : Mr Fergus MacArthur

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Dear Sir or Madam

Proposal: **Tree A is a large multi stemmed Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior). Tree B is a small Alder (Alnus glutinosa ). They are both growing in extreme close proximity to the leat wall and a sewage pumping station consequently there is concern about future damage which may be caused to both pieces of infrastructure. Both trees will be reduced to ground level, it will not be appropriate to replant replacement trees in a similar area as this will yield the same problems at a later date. Possibility of siting replacement trees within the wider Belper river gardens area.**

Location: **Belper East Mill Bridge Foot Belper Derbyshire DE56 1YD**

Applicant: **Howard Morris**
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Agent:

I am writing to confirm that the Council does not propose to serve a Tree Preservation Order in response to your notice of 28 February 2026.

You may carry out the work so long as;

1. You do so within two years of the date of your notice; and

2. You do no more work on the tree(s) than is set out in your notice.

As stated in earlier correspondence, this location (in the immediate vicinity of the trees that form part of the application) is used by nesting Peregrine Falcons. We would therefore recommend that you seek appropriate ecological and legal advice to ensure any tree work in the area does constitute an offence under schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) 1981 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69).

Yours faithfully



Mr Fergus MacArthur
Trees and Conservation Officer

**Note:** The Council recommends that a competent arboricultural contractor carries out this work (see enclosed leaflet 'Tree Work - Choosing Your Arborist') and whilst the Council does not recommend or assess any individuals or companies it does recognise the Arboricultural Association Approved Contractor scheme as being the best way of assuring the professional competence of companies engaged in tree work.

Details of Arboricultural Association Approved Contractors can be obtained from;

The Arboricultural Association
The Malthouse
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