Application for Tree Works subject to a Tree Preservation Order 17/2005

The purpose of this application is to seek permission to prune several low branches of Birch trees, which are the subject of a Tree Preservation order 17/2005 refers. The trees are clumped together under reference number A1. The trees run from the end of the Mill Race towards Birks Lane.

Permission is requested to remove all low branches at the boundary with my property, since they are causing annoyance at just 6 feet above the ground and touching the top of my fence. I am seeking to landscape the bottom of my garden and raise the level so that I can install a wooden child's play area, which will be ideally placed under the shade of these trees. Therefore the tree branches will be much lower once the soil level is raised by approximately 1 foot.

The intended work will not damage the trees but will encouraged upright growth since these trees have lacked generally care and maintenance. These trees are birches, some are self-sets and the other is a mature birch with the low branches coming from the main trunk just above the soil line. In time, if these are not removed it will destabilise the tree. The self-sets need the low branches removing to encourage up right growth.

The trees are contained on land belonging to Cala Homes who are aware of my intention to make a formal request to seek such permission. Greenbelt will take responsibility for maintaining this land once Cala leave the site and each home contributes a cost towards maintenance.

I have emailed a number of photographs, which will illustrate the branches to be removed.

Thanks in anticipation.

Paul McCurry