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**Ref: TPA/2012/1181**

Dear [REDACTED]

After our recent telephone conversation, please find attached the details of the proposed tree plantings at 2 La Providence in mitigation of the removal of the existing Poplar tree.

As discussed the planting of a replacement tree in the same position will be difficult due to the remaining stump, and given the limited scope within the small garden itself we would propose instead to plant a native hedgerow along the western boundary of the property. Although this is a more expensive option than a simple replacement, the owner is fully conscious of the importance of the ecological value being retained on site, not only for the benefit of the wildlife [REDACTED].

This mitigation would see the single non-native Poplar tree replaced with 6.5m of native *Prunus spinosa*. These trees have a much higher ecological value than that of the Poplar due to be removed. Furthermore, they will realise that value much sooner than a direct replacement that would take much longer to reach maturity and thus its highest wildlife value.

These trees will provide both a food source and nesting habitat for many native species of passerine and invertebrates, such that when well looked after will provide a higher ecological value than the existing tree.

Furthermore the risk of replacing the tree with a standard would be that in time, as it is starting to be of real benefit ecologically it may pose many of the same risk factors that the current Poplar does and thus face removal itself.

I hope that you find this mitigation satisfactory and please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] should you wish to discuss the proposal. If you are in agreement with the proposed mitigation we will ensure the trees are planted this season (i.e. before March 2013)

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Proposed Planting:

6.5m of double row *Prunus Spinosa*. A total of 20 trees (approximately). These trees will be planted 60cm apart with an inter row spacing of 60cm.

These trees will be sunk planted with weed mats and bark chipping. Each tree will also be protected from grazing by a spiral.

This planting (if agreeable with the department) will be completed by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Management Routine:

For the first three years after planting the area around the trees will be kept clear of weeds by strimming as necessary to ensure the trees have adequate access to both light and nutrients.

In the 2013/14 planting season the trees will be beaten to ensure any small percentage that do not take are replaced at an early stage.

After two years the bamboo, spirals and weed mats are to be removed to allow the hedge to mature unhindered. At the same time any trimming work will be carried out to ensure the shape and character of the hedge provide the optimum conditions for breeding birds etc. (None of which work is to be carried out during the breeding season itself.)



Diagram to show how the proposed planting will look. The proposed planting is in fact a double row, but all other specifications remain the same.

**Figure 1: Visual of proposed planting specifications**

