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**To:** RBC Planning <RBC.Planning@rugby.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Automatic reply: See attached letter regarding planning application R24/0111

*Hello,*

*Thank you for contacting the Campaigning Team at the Woodland Trust.*

*At present, our Campaigning Team receives over 1,000 enquiries a year relating to a wide variety of issues, with only a small team of people able to respond. As such, we employ a level of triaging and prioritisation for enquiries, primarily focusing on those concerning ancient woods and ancient and veteran trees.*

*It is unlikely that we will be able to respond to cases involving other woods and trees at the present time. We want to assure you that we very much care and are interested in your enquiry, but we are facing particular difficulties with staff vacancies and must prioritise those cases where our impact is most needed.*

*In the interests of making sure that you have the help and guidance necessary to answer your enquiry, we ask that you consider the information below:*

**Threats to woods and trees**

*In the vast majority of cases, your local Council / Planning Authority should be the first point of contact where local woods and trees are threatened ancient, veteran or otherwise. We would always suggest urgently contacting them first about a threat to woods and trees in your locality. They may be able to help you secure a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or address any urgent threats.*

***Ancient woods or veteran trees*** where your concern involves a threat to ancient woodland or veteran trees, we ask that you please use the Report a Threat form on our website so we have the information to help you: [Report a threat \(woodlandtrust.org.uk\)](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/report-a-threat/)

***Individual or garden tree felling*** if you are concerned that there may be an imminent threat to trees from unauthorised felling, please contact the Councils Planning Enforcement team and their Tree/Arboricultural Officer. Our guidance on tree felling rules provides more information: [Cutting Down Trees: Law & Legislation - Woodland Trust](#)

***Woodland felling*** if you are concerned that unauthorised felling might be taking place, please contact the Councils Planning Enforcement team and their Tree/Arboricultural Officer. If the felling is on a large scale, you can find out from the Forestry Commission (in England), Natural Resources Wales, Scottish Forestry or the Northern Ireland Forest Service whether a felling licence is in place. Our guidance on tree felling rules provides more information: [Cutting Down Trees: Law & Legislation - Woodland Trust](#)

***Planning applications*** if you are concerned about a planning application that does not impact ancient woodland, veteran trees or a Woodland Trust wood, but could still affect other important habitats, you may want to use our online resources or consider contacting another local nature conservation charity, such as your local Wildlife Trust or CPRE.

***Planning permission granted*** if you are concerned about works taking place after planning permission has been granted, please contact the Councils Planning Enforcement team and their Tree/Arboricultural Officer.

### **Woodland Trust sites**

If you have urgent concerns about activities taking place in a Woodland Trust wood, please email [operations@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:operations@woodlandtrust.org.uk).

### **Campaigning in your community**

We have a host of resources on our website that you can access, including information on writing objections and setting up a community group: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/campaign-in-your-community/>.

### **Legal matters**

*If your enquiry relates to a matter that might require some legal involvement, then we encourage you to contact either the Environmental Law Foundation (<http://elflaw.org/get-help/>) or Lawyers for Nature ([enquiries@lawyersfornature.com](mailto:enquiries@lawyersfornature.com) / <https://www.lawyersfornature.com/>). These organisations will be best placed to provide legal advice.*

*We kindly thank you for your patience and understanding at this particularly strained time for our team. We can only apologise if we do not respond to your enquiry and want you to know that we do care and can only respond to a limited number. We hope the information we have provided is helpful.*

*Thank you for supporting our woods and trees.*

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