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Dear Mr Kelstead,

Application 4/1519/97CA
Removal of Trunk overhanging 'Ravenscourt', Chapel Croft, Chipperfield.

I refer to my discussion with you regarding the above.

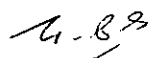
I would confirm that there is no objection to the removal of the overhanging trunk. However I would reiterate the following:

- 1). The tree has decay within its' base and is structurally weak,
- 2). The removal of the overhanging trunk is unlikely to make the tree safe. In fact it is possible that the work will weaken the tree.

In view of the condition of the tree the Council's Landscape Unit recommends that the most appropriate action would be for the whole tree to be removed as soon as possible. Mrs Packford has been advised by letter to this effect and I have suggested that she discusses the matter directly Mr Russell of the Landscape Services Unit. I assume that you will be reviewing the matter with Mrs Packford.

If you wish more advice Mr Russell can be contacted on (01442)228576.

Yours sincerely,



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