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**Sent:** 30 June 2017 13:23  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Felling of Roadside Trees along A85

[REDACTED]

I can confirm the receipt of your letter

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**From:** [REDACTED]@abercairny.com]  
**Sent:** 30 June 2017 08:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Abercairny Estates Ltd  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Felling of Roadside Trees along A85  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

Please confirm receipt of our response to your report and that it will be presented at your meeting today.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2017 16:12  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Abercairney Woodlands Roadside A85

[REDACTED]

Please find attached report.

As discussed on the phone we are considering the trees as a potential imminent danger this is as a result of the lifting of the tree roots or serving a 28 day notice. This decision will be made on Friday as Bear Scotland Ltd requires to ensure the safety of the network for road users. The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 section 91 would explain this further.

Please let me know if I can help for road closures or removing the trees if required.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Landscape Manager North East and North West Unit.  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2017 08:08  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Abercairney Woodlands Roadside A85

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on Tuesday to look at this location with [REDACTED] and myself. Please find attached basic report as completed from this site visit.

Can you confirm when action would be taken on the trees with the lifted roots, the rest of the leaning trees.

We would like to visit the site in a few weeks time to check on progress. Please can you keep us abreast of any programmes for these works. We are only too happy to assist where possible, and if traffic management is required we can supply this service.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 March 2018 10:33  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** A85 East of Gilmerton - Tree Felling - Abercairny Estates Ltd  
**Attachments:** O-7936 Abercairny Estates Ltd 300318.pdf

[REDACTED]

Please see attached letter to Abercairny Estates about tree felling for your information.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 13 July 2017 16:34  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Felling of Roadside Trees along A85

[REDACTED]

I will pass this into the Network Team. Thanks for your time in addressing the woodland issue.  
I replied to [REDACTED] regarding the proposals for felling but have not had a reply.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
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On 6 Jul 2017, at 10:01, [REDACTED]@abercairny.com> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]  
For your information we have already approached a tree surveyor/ surgeon requesting that he assess/ address any concerning roadside trees along C35 and C41 and are awaiting confirmation of his availability as soon as possible + have prepared a route and hard standing for extraction and stacking.

Yours,

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**From:** [REDACTED]@abercairny.com]  
**Sent:** 30 June 2017 08:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk  
**Cc:** Abercairny Estates Ltd  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Felling of Roadside Trees along A85  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]  
Please confirm receipt of our response to your report and that it will be presented at your meeting today.

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**From:** [REDACTED]@abercairny.com]  
**Sent:** 29 June 2017 16:26  
**To:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk<sup>1</sup>  
**Cc:** Abercairny Estates Ltd  
**Subject:** Re: Felling of Roadside Trees along A85  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]  
Thank you for your recent emails and report.

Having sought advice from our legal team and Woodland Agent I would ask you to present the following response to your colleagues on Friday...

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 July 2017 09:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Bear Scotland felling notification Abercairny Estate

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the plan and moving forward the proposals to resolve the issue with the woodland area as discussed with [REDACTED]

I will let the Network Team know, so that their decisions going forward are aligned with this information. I have attached [REDACTED] email to whom you require to contact book road space for the works. Looking at the map supplied, could you please review the corner of the woodland where the tree came down at the point it meets your proposals to fell the rest as I feel this area could increase the potential for similar trees to windblow in the future and to ensure that this is safe. The removal of the tree section proposed will leave this area exposed to potential danger again.  
Please can you send the Rams for your contractor who will be working roadside.

My comments are only as notes and understand that your professional position would address all present and potential dangers in this location where trees would affect the safety of the road users..

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]@bidwells.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 06 July 2017 17:03  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bear Scotland felling notification Abercairny Estate

[REDACTED]

I am the acting Forestry agent for Abercairny and will be overseeing the planned timber sale this August.

Prior to your discussion with the estate on the trees on A85 you have identified, Abercairny estate are felling two areas detailed in the plan attached. This is part of a wider timber sale planned for August this year. In advance of this work I wish to formally notify you of the impending works and seek authorisation to have traffic control in place for a maximum of three days, while this is ongoing. Compt C39 also requires a shutdown of the OHPL, and we have already been in correspondence with SSE in relation to this. All felling will be carried out by a harvester, felling will commence while operating under a red to red manned traffic control system for a maximum of 20mins at any time? We will need to schedule the traffic control with the OHPL shut down currently programmed for the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

I would welcome your comment on the above, and please detail any other actions required to comply with your procedure.

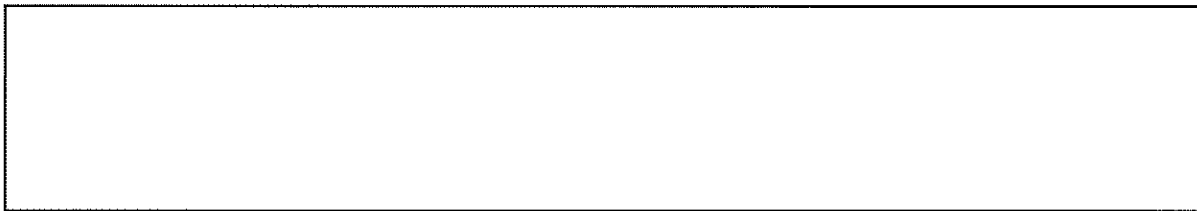
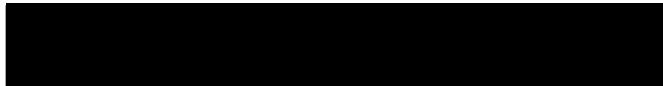
Happy to discuss further, please find my contact details below.

Regards,

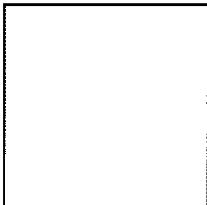


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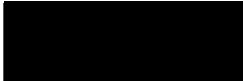
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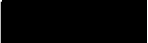
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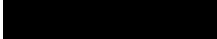


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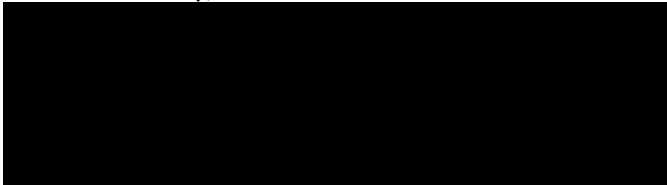
Dear 


Thank you for your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> March [Your Ref NW/05/03/TD/O-7936] re roadside trees belonging to Abercairny Estate.

As proposed to  in our email of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 we have had all the trees along the relevant stretch of the north side of the A85 east of Gilmerton/ west of New Fowlis individually and professionally risk assessed by  of Scottish Arboricultural Services. All his recommended remedial actions have been carried out except the drainage improvements "as in some cases the rooting area is within very soft water receiving ground and roadside drainage expels water directly into the root zone". We asked the Perth & Kinross Council Roads Department to investigate the roadside drainage in our letter of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and are awaiting their reply.

We will continue to monitor stability during high winds and on our regular inspections.

Yours sincerely,



<b>BEAR Scotland Limited</b>	
<b>11 APR 2018</b>	
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Response	No Response

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 June 2017 15:57  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Abercairney Estates

[REDACTED]

I have spoken to [REDACTED] the manager of Abercairney Estates, the email that I sent to the address that I was given had not been read. They have their agents compiling a report, but I do not think that this will effect immediate action. He says that the report will be out tomorrow. I have said that we are considering immediate action through the imminent danger route or the 28 day route, I have said that this decision should be made on Friday, he will be responsible for the cost and we would not be responsible for any damage.

They are concerned that opening up this area could cause further wind blow, I have said that the lifting of the roots from the 2 trees is causing a concern for this to become an imminent danger.

I have said that there should be an action from them to give us comfort that this woodland would be made safe for road users.

Regards,


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bearsotland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 July 2018 10:42  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: site meeting Abercairny estates.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 June 2017 08:45  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** site meeting Abercairny estates.

Hi [REDACTED]

Here is a brief outline of the discussions with [REDACTED] from Abercairny estates, I was unable to take any notes of [REDACTED] responses as he said written responses would require a lawyer present due to the circumstances.

- The tree that has fallen they confirmed it was on their land.
- At the moment they do not have any plans to carry out works to clear the tree until the police investigation has concluded.
- The estate has their trees inspected on a yearly basis.
- I pointed out a specific tree that is heavily leaning towards the road and the estate manager took pictures of the tree but did not commit to any action this time.
- The trees on the hedge line at new fowlis do belong to the estate and are also inspected on a yearly basis
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] did agree that any action to resolve the issues in the area and reduce the risk of this type of incident happening in the future would be beneficial.
- [REDACTED] agreed that a meeting to discuss a possible action plan for this area could also be beneficial however he would have to speak to the estates lawyers and they may have to be present at this meeting.
- [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] details as I explained that we use him for tree health and condition surveys through the network.

The email address I was giving for [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Landscape Design Assistant | BEAR Scotland**

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The Landowner  
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Estate Office  
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PH7 3NQ

Our Ref: NW/05/03/TD/O-7936

Your Ref:

Date: 30 March 2018

Dear Sir

**4TH GENERATION TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK – NORTH WEST UNIT  
A85 TO THE EAST OF GILMERTON**

I write to you regarding the tree felling operation which you were to undertake on the A85 to the East of Gilmerton near Abercairny Estate offices.

I note that the two trees that had immediate leaning issues, reported to you in June 2017, have not been felled as yet. The landowner and factor were advised that these trees should be felled immediately and you were to confirm to BEAR Scotland your Felling Plan.

I would therefore be obliged if you could make immediate plans to carry out felling works to the two trees and any others of concern, and confirm to us when the works are complete.

Yours faithfully  
for BEAR Scotland Limited

