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Attention Faye Hobbs

**Application for Tree Works at 49 Churchside, Vigo Village**

I attach completed application forms ( 2 ) for the felling and removal of trees which are on our land , and are subject to permission being granted. All are non native species.

One application is in respect of a Christmas tree, inside my back garden; I have identified this as being a Norway spruce, although I know its origin is Alpine

The second application is in respect of five conifer trees, popularly known as cupressus or Leylandii. All are situated in a line outside our brick garden wall on a narrow strip of land that is owned by us.

The reason for the removal is described on the forms ( excess amounts of shade ), but perhaps I should also point out that the wall faces due south, such that from sunrise to sunset the shade caused by the trees in Trosley Park & Vigo Village Trust Land, plus our 5 conifers creates a barrier of deep shadow. It has always been this way during the 38 years we have lived here, but has got worse due to growth year on year, not helped by the large Christmas tree, which was 18 inches tall when I planted it in 1987.

In noting that replacements are required to be planted, I have suggested Cupressus of similar type, but I am wondering if you would find it acceptable if I planted copper or green beach hedging instead. A run of 20 planted saplings 1 metre apart, would enable a totally bare brick wall to be covered up with foliage which would be more attractive and more capable of being kept under control. It would also be fairly flat to the wall and would not overlap the path like now.

Finally, may I apologize for my 'over the top' amount of detail and the rather poorly drawn sketch maps.....I hope to receive approval shortly

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