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Southampton City Council  
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Dear Gary,

The Forestry Commission received a felling licence application for Marlhill Copse (019/662/2023) on 14/02/2023. The application form confirms that the licence relates to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and is within a conservation area.

In accordance with section 15(1)(b) of the Forestry Act 1967, I am writing to inform you that the Forestry Commission has decided on this occasion to refer the application to Southampton City Council for processing under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

This letter is supported by the following documents:

- Arboricultural report and supporting map.
- Site visit form detailing proposed felling.

As set out in section 15(3) of the Forestry Act 1967, the application, so far as it relates to the TPO trees only, must now be dealt with under the Town and Country Planning Act. So long as the Tree Preservation Order applies, a felling licence issued under the Forestry Act 1967 is not required to fell the TPO trees to which the application relates.

The Forestry Commission will withdraw the felling licence application in relation to any trees contained within the application covered by the Tree Preservation Order.

The Forestry Commission will provide the applicant with a copy of this letter to ensure they are aware that the Local authority will be processing their application to fell trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

Yours sincerely,

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