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Dear Sirs

Request for planning permission to four trees in the conservation area of Hyssington

Our property comprises the Pinfold house plus the adjacent motte and bailey castle site which is located just to the north of the village of Hyssington. Since acquiring the motte and bailey site in 2020 we are managing it to preserve its historic significance and for amenity for ourselves and our neighbours. It has a number of beautiful oak and ash trees and we are keen to maintain this area of woodland and have planted an additional 350 whips of different species along the perimeter. We also have many oak seedlings that have germinated this year and are thriving as we no longer graze the area.

Two of our neighbouring farmers, whose land abuts the site have requested that we attend to works to three of the ash trees. One is diseased and two have major overhanging branches and all three pose a risk to the land of these farming neighbours.

We have consulted a tree surgeon (Mark Price of ACE Trees) who agrees that number 1 is diseased and that numbers 2 & 3 need to be pruned as requested by neighbour John Pryce of Brook House Farm who alleges that they pose a risk to walkers on his land. We are content to go ahead with the pruning as we believe that it will prolong the life of these mature trees. Our neighbour, James Gwyther of Yew Tree Farm Hyssington, is also a forester and is of the opinion that tree number 1 has Ash Die Back and poses a risk to his fencing.

We also have a spruce tree behind our stone garage at the back of our garden at the Pinfold which is now about 30 years old. It was originally purchased as a Christmas tree and planted after Christmas. It is now mature and poses a risk to the garage and we would like to remove it to preserve the garage.

We are happy for our neighbours to visit the motte and bailey site even-though there are no rights-of-way on our land and we are keen that their safety is assured by maintaining the trees accordingly.

When permission is granted we will undertake the work outside of the bird nesting season.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Currin