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Residents of
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Dear Resident,

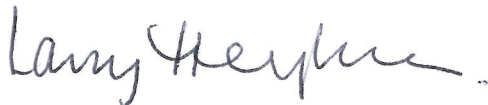
Trees in Ridgmont Road car park

You may have recently received a communication from St Albans City and District Council's Planning Department regarding an application made on behalf of First Capital Connect to carry out work to the trees in our Ridgmont Road car park.

First Capital Connect has no wish to upset any residents living close to the station and we empathise with your desire not to lose the green screen currently provided by the trees. Our number one concern is for the safety of those walking or driving under the trees and that is the primary reason for the application for tree works submitted by our contractor. The aim is to improve the crown structure of the mature and healthy trees, remove any deadwood and as much of the heavy ivy growth as possible. The aim will be to improve the appearance of the trees. Please rest assured that no work will be carried out without formal agreement by the Council. We undertake that we would only remove a tree if it was unhealthy and would then plant another tree in a position to be agreed with local residents and the Council's Arboricultural Officers. We will of course, keep you informed of our next steps.

St Albans City station is a major gateway to the City itself and we are working with St Albans City and District Council to make it a welcoming environment; trees are a key component in achieving that. You can see from the various cycle parking projects that we have carried out in the station forecourt and in Station Way in the last couple of years that all have been designed to retain the existing trees so that they can flourish.

Yours sincerely



Larry Heyman
Integration and Partnership Manager