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Dear Ross,

**PRE-PLANNING ASSESSMENT OF TREES AT 32 HAMMERWOOD ROAD,
ASHURST WOOD, EAST GRINSTEAD, WEST SUSSEX, RH19 3TG**

Thank you for the instruction to survey trees at 32 Hammerwood Road in accordance with BS:5837 (2012) ahead of a planning application to extend the property.

Having viewed the site I have noted that there is only one tree on site which is relevant to any plans to extend the property. This is a large Silver Birch around 10-12m from the rear elevation of the property close to the eastern boundary.

I have observed that the Birch is extensively defoliated and most remaining leaves are brown and desiccated. There are only a handful 'live' leaves (containing any chlorophyll), and these are sparse, yellow and brown around the edges, restricted to two branches in the lower canopy. This weak foliage is insufficient to support the life of the tree and I would categorise the tree as being in an advanced state of terminal decline / dead.

Large branches in the upper crown and over the neighbouring garden are fully dead and there is a foreseeable risk of branch failure. I have therefore advised the client that the tree is potentially hazardous and should be removed.

Elsewhere around the property are small trees and shrub planted around the boundary. Larger conifer trees are growing offsite, set well back from the property and would not be impacted by any building works to extend 32 Hammerwood Road. In view of this, I do not consider a BS:5837 (2012) Arboricultural Survey for this property in necessary as there are no significant trees which would reasonably pose a constraint to any future building works to extend the property.

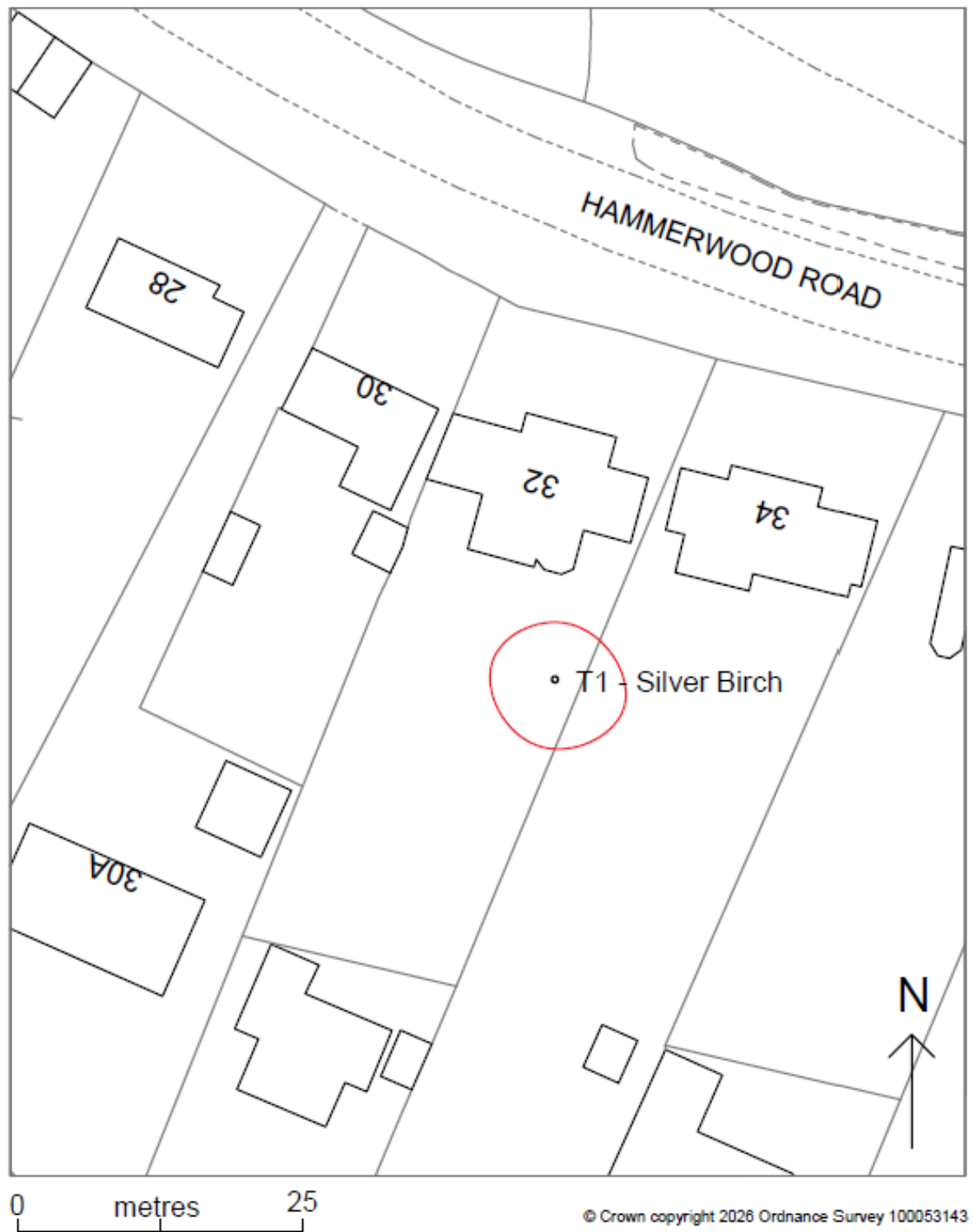
Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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SITE PLAN



GALLERY



Photo 1 – Dead / dying Birch to the rear of 32 Hammerwood Road



Photo 2 – Other low-level vegetation within the rear garden of 32 Hammerwood Road



Photo 3 – Other low-level vegetation within the rear garden of 32 Hammerwood Road