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To City & Guilds,

Established in 2002, Arb Matters offers a range of services including contracting and consultancy. The proprietor Chris Cooper-Abbs, has been working in the tree care industry for nearly two decades and offers a wealth of experience and knowledge. Fundamental to his high level of skill and depth of knowledge is his passion for arboriculture and the high standards he applies to all he does. His work takes him all over the UK and abroad. As the proprietor of Arb Matters Ltd he is a well-known name and his company is synonymous with high quality and efficiency.

We would like to provide our support to City & Guilds. We feel that the following qualifications are suitable for a young person between the ages of 16-19 studying full time. They will give the young person an advantage when applying for a job, progressing onto an apprenticeship, or to further learning.

We Arb Matters support the inclusion of:

- City & Guilds Level 2 Extended Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture (QCF) 500/8587/6
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (QCF) 500/8718/6

on the DfE 2017 performance tables in the substantial vocational qualifications at level 2 category.

We feel the progression opportunities into employment are:

- Forest worker
- Arboretum worker
- General worker
- Estate worker

We confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE and City & Guilds websites.

Yours sincerely

Chris Cooper-Abbs
Director