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Dear Susie,

Letter of Support: City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture

The Royal Forestry Society (RFS) is the largest and longest-established education charity promoting the wise management of trees, woods and forests in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our mission is to inspire passion and excellence in woodland management. We do this through education and knowledge-sharing. We support technical education and training that enables the next generation of practitioners to develop excellent, progressive careers in the forestry and arboriculture sector.

We support the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture and feel that it is suitable for someone aged 16 years or over. The skills and knowledge included within this qualification could provide an advantage for somebody applying for a job as a trainee arboriculture/forestry worker, forestry team member or tree nursery worker.

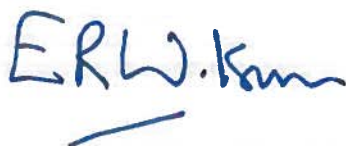
The qualification would also be suitable for someone to progress to further learning and training, or to an apprenticeship as an arborist or forest operative.

The following skills and knowledge included in the qualification would provide a good foundation for someone progressing into the forestry and arboriculture sector:

- Health and safety and safe working practices
- An introduction to the Forestry & Arboriculture sector
- Tree classification and identification
- Tree establishment
- Tree and woodland management
- Introduction to plant science
- Tools and equipment
- Environment and conservation
- Work experience (150 hours)

We confirm and give consent for the name and logo of our organisation to be made publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely,



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Education Manager