



FOREMOST TREE SURGEONS

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Dear Mr Headey,

Re: Inspection of Lime Tree (T1) at the Front of the Property

Following my recent site visit, I inspected the single Lime tree located at the front of the property in response to concerns previously raised with my colleague regarding its condition.

The tree is approximately 9 metres in height and appears to have been pollarded in the past at approximately 8 metres above ground level. At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good physiological condition, displaying healthy growth and vigour.

However, inspection of the main stem identified a significant structural defect. A large open cavity is present on the south-westerly aspect of the trunk at approximately 1.85 metres above ground level. The stem diameter at the level of the cavity measures approximately 70 cm. Measurement of the cavity indicated an internal width of approximately 60 cm at the point of opening. Based on these dimensions, it is estimated that only approximately 5 cm of sound residual wall thickness remains around the cavity.

Visual assessment showed that the cavity and associated hollowing extend both above and below the point of opening. Percussive sounding of the stem confirmed this observation, with hollow tones audible from the cavity down to ground level, indicating extensive internal decay and hollowing throughout the lower section of the trunk.

Whilst the tree remains in good physiological condition, its structural condition is considered poor. The extent of the hollowing and the limited residual wall thickness indicate that a substantial proportion of the stem's structural integrity has been lost. The tree therefore presents an elevated risk of stem failure, particularly during periods of high wind loading.

Given the extent of the observed decay and hollowing, I recommend that the tree is felled and removed. In my opinion, the severity of the structural defect is such that retention of the tree cannot be reasonably justified, and remedial pruning would not adequately mitigate the risk associated with potential stem failure.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Jones
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