



Hampshire
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To whom it may concern,

**Private tree adjacent the highway –Land at Moorgreen Dairy Farm,
Botley Road, West End, Southampton
(refer to attached plan)**

At the last routine inspection, officers from the highways team identified a tree which is believed to be within your ownership and which constitutes a highway hazard. A brief description of the tree and its defects and a plan showing the location is attached.

This letter serves as a reminder to you of your legal duty to maintain your trees/vegetation and to advise that, in the event a tree within your control causes damage to or impedes safety of the public highway and its users, then the County Council will normally seek to re-direct any claims arising from any such event to you, as the landowner.

Hampshire County Council reserves the right to serve formal legal Notice under Section 154 of the Highways Act in relation to dangerous private trees. However, in this case a Notice will not be served at this time.

Please note the County Council tree survey is limited to inspection of private trees from the roadside only and is not comprehensive. Due to the Arboricultural Inspector's concerns with the subject tree, it is recommended that you take specific advice from a qualified arboriculturalist or tree consultant as to the likelihood of failure and what you need to do to prevent this.

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You can obtain advice on appropriate consultants and contractors from your local District or Borough Council Planning Department or from the Arboricultural Association (telephone number: 01242-522152 or website: www.trees.org.uk).

Before beginning any work, you should satisfy yourself as to whether your trees and vegetation are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or stand within a Conservation Area. Please contact your District or Borough Council Planning Department who will advise accordingly if you are unsure.

If you plan to carry out work which will temporarily affect the public highway (footway, verge or road), your contractor will need to apply for the appropriate consent or licence(s). To do so, please see; www.hants.gov.uk/transport/licencesandpermits

For information, the National Tree Safety Group provides three documents giving guidance and advice to anyone involved in tree safety management. See <http://ntsgroup.org.uk>

Should you not be the owner or occupier of the land, not be responsible for the subject tree or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the Arboricultural Section at arb@hants.gov.uk, or via our online [enquiry status checker](#) using the reference number above.

A copy of this letter will be recorded, and no reminder will be sent.

Yours faithfully

Arboricultural Officer

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Location Plan
Photograph



