

Report on Trees Removal and Replacement Planting

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Location: Botleigh Grange Hotel & Spa

Executive Summary

This report presents the findings from a visual inspection conducted at the specified location, where significant safety concerns were identified regarding trees whose branches are obstructing critical building features. Notably, the trees' branches block the hotel's designated fire exit and extend onto the roof, interfering with the gutter system and encroaching on an adjacent building's roof. For further clarity, please see the attached pictures for reference. In line with our commitment to safety and environmental preservation, we recommend the removal of the hazardous trees and the subsequent planting of replacement trees.

1. Introduction

This report has been prepared to outline the hazards posed by trees located at the eastern side of Botleigh Grange Hotel & Spa. A visual inspection has revealed that the overgrown branches of the trees compromise both the safety and functionality of essential building elements. In addition to detailing the observed hazards, this report proposes the removal of the trees while reinforcing our commitment to environmental stewardship by replanting new trees as replacements.

2. Observations and Findings

- **Obstruction of Fire Exit:**
The trees' branches directly obstruct the hotel's designated fire exit, potentially delaying emergency response and compromising the safety of the hotel occupants.
- **Roof and Gutter Interference:**
Several branches extend onto the roof, coming into contact with the gutter system. This interference may hinder proper water drainage and create further structural concerns, particularly during adverse weather conditions.
- **Encroachment on Adjacent Building:**
Additional branches have been observed encroaching on the roof of an adjacent building, which poses a risk of structural damage to that property.

Note: This report is based solely on a visual inspection; no detailed assessment of the tree's root system has been conducted. Please refer to the attached pictures for visual documentation of these observations.

3. Recommendations

- **Tree Removal:**
It is recommended to proceed with the expedient removal of the trees to eliminate the hazards identified, particularly the obstruction of the fire exit and the structural interference on the roofs.
- **Replacement Planting:**
In order to honor our commitment to environmental sustainability, new trees should be planted as replacements for the removed vegetation. The location and species for

the replacement trees will be carefully selected to prevent future conflicts with building structures or safety protocols.

4. Conclusion

The visual inspection confirms that the current state of the trees presents a tangible safety hazard and poses a risk of structural damage. Removing these trees is necessary to restore clear emergency access and safeguard the structural integrity of the property and surrounding areas. The planned replacement planting reinforces our dedication to environmental conservation and ensures that green spaces remain intact. We respectfully request that the council review and approve the proposed remedial and preventative actions at the earliest opportunity.

















