

Please accept my profound apology for late arrival at your property today. I had a site meeting beforehand which became much more involved than anticipated and I rather lost track of time. I should have rung to let you know I would be late.

I was able to access the tree of course, I was unaccompanied. I understand your concern for the tree clearly; beechwood is relatively heavy and the nature of recent stem failure was catastrophic. Its nearest companion stem with which it partly shares a union, is similarly compromised and I recommend it is brought down to a safe height (photo attached). This work can be done under an exception for dealing with dangerous trees and branches as there is an urgent requirement to deal with a risk of significant harm.

My prognosis for the tree is that any fungus responsible for decay is has potential to transfer across stems and there are multiple areas of bark inclusion/imperfect junctions. As such, a whole crown reduction or removal (and replacement) would gain my support, were you to apply for permission from the local planning authority. [Apply for permission to work on protected trees | Arun District Council](#)

I hope the above information is of assistance but please do contact me if I can assist further.

Kind regards,

Mark Warwick

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