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Dear Mr. Pavey,

Mature Sycamore Next to Your Gateway.

Further to my visit to make a casual inspection of the above tree following your concerns over safety.

Synopsis

The tree is a mature specimen about 16m in height and has three main stems arising from ground level where the diameter is 1m approx. Growth form and crown spread are typical for the species. No defects aloft were observed but there is a large wound at the base of the NE stem showing exposed wood and decay which could be compromising the support of this leaning stem. The two main forks at the base of the tree are of the compression type and look as if there is included bark which, again, is a potential failure hazard.

Conclusion

The tree is situated where failure would be disastrous due to adjacent property, car parking and general public access. Removal of the decayed stem would leave a huge scar which could initiate rapid decay of the adjoining stem. Heavy crown reduction would, temporarily, ameliorate the hazard but the result would be unappealing so, I believe that the best course of action would be to fell and replant with a species more suitable for the location.

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Power.