

Tree statement (From application form)

RE: Application for Permission to Remove Diseased Ash Tree

Location: Eastern Boundary of Open Allotments

19 Olivier Court

307 Chichester Road

Bognor Regis

PO21 5AS

To Whom It May Concern,

Following a recent site meeting at the above allotment location, we inspected a large mature ash tree situated on the eastern boundary of the site.

The tree is unfortunately suffering from significant Ash Dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*). We have been monitoring the condition of the tree closely over the past 18 months; however, during the last year we have observed substantial deterioration, including extensive canopy dieback and significant epicormic/reaction growth lower down the stem, which is symptomatic of a tree in terminal decline.

Due to the extent of the disease, the progressive deterioration of the tree's structural condition, and its location within and adjacent to the allotment area, we do not believe there is a suitable long-term management option available other than removal.

In the interests of public safety and responsible tree management, we are therefore applying for permission to remove the tree.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information or wish to arrange a further inspection.

Kind regards,

Richard Moore

Director RM Tree Surgery

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