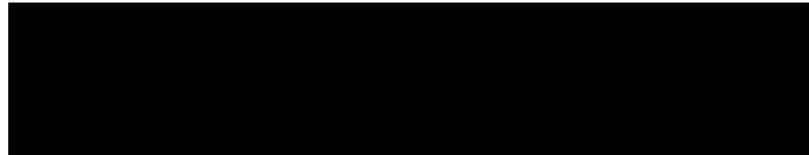


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Dated 03/02/2020

Harefield Estate Tree Preservation Order M/1/92

Risk Inspection

I have carefully inspected Tree T45, (the subject of a tree application) and the surrounding potential risk areas.

This mature sycamore tree has 2 substantial limbs divided from the base into 2 large tree structures extending to a height of at least 10 metres and maybe more. The limbs are particularly heavy with a combined base girth of 1.2 metres. The tree base is within 600mm from the private through road with very frequent local as well as residential traffic. The road serves pedestrians and runners who wish to pass through the Estate en route towards either Ancton Lane or Elmer Road (with a doctors surgery, garage, pharmacy, public house and village halls and childrens play area and recreation ground nearby).

The projected "fall area" of the tree in the event of collapse could (depending on the direction of fall) seriously damage :-

1. Pedestrians and the many dog walkers who use the road
2. Traffic
3. Cyclists
4. Pedestrian footpath on the opposite side of the road
5. House property numbers 1 , 2 and 3 Harefield Road and Residents within
6. The adjacent private road surface and verge
7. 4 residents vehicles within the radius range (and persons within)
8. Council Employees collecting refuse and recycling

In my opinion this dangerous tree is a very high risk and should felled completely to eliminate any risk to persons or property.

Harefield Estate (Middleton) Management Ltd

TPO M/1/92 T45

I would advise that to prevent death, very serious injury and/or damage to property the Harefield Estate Company Liability Insurance policy would insist that this tree is removed or the Insurance cover would be invalid.

As further evidence I understand that there was an adjacent Pine tree T46 within 8 metres of this tree but T46 fell down one night without warning or signs of impending collapse (luckily without any damage whatsoever) , and this historic event would provide further evidence to the Company Insurers that this tree T45 must be felled completely within the immediate future.



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