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Morning Jeremy,

I hope you are well and I am writing to you regarding the veteran Holm Oak at the above site.

You are probably familiar with it and indeed, we have carried out some weight reduction work on it over the last 5-10 years.

However, the client is getting increasingly concerned about its size and condition and having inspected the tree again recently, I also share these concerns given the busy location in which it is located.

The tree is essentially divided up into 3x main stems, one of which fell long ago due to included bark in the main union to the east and what was likely to have been a very heavily loaded branch (this happened before my time).

The second was cut down to a 5-6m stump long ago that still remains. The base of this trunk has extensive decay but there is live growth emanating from the base and is not really a safety concern because there is no weighty canopy above.

The third (only) living stem appears sound at the base, but of course is connected to the second decayed trunk by a union that in my opinion has some degree of included bark. Whilst the base of this trunk appears sound it is hard to predict how far the basal decay has spread and what concerns me is the form, weight and direction of lean that this limb has over the busy road/ pavement. We have shortened this a little in the past but I wonder whether now it is time to propose something a little more drastic given that these trees generally respond well to hard pruning. I feel that it would be better to prune it significantly rather than let it collapse at the base, which may not only be very dangerous but also leave the tree in an unsalvageable state.

Naturally, this is complicated by it being an important landscape feature

and subject to a TPO, therefore I would like to propose that we have a short site meeting (or you have a look when passing) to discuss the possible options for managing this tree.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

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