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Kirklees Tree Section

Dear Sir,

Re: UPRN 83120034, 07/76/91 at X 420583 Y 425314,
large Beech in front garden of 81 Upper Lane, Gomersal BD19 4JF

I was asked to inspect the large Beech at this address after the winds in early January. Overall, the tree is apparently in good health. Little deadwood or dieback.

It does however have a full length included bark union of the trunk, the result of two co-dominant stems crowding each other. This was addressed some years ago with an in depth survey which indicated an 80% presence of good timber so the client was advised there was little to be concerned about. Not sure I would agree with that assessment, but this included bark union of the trunk needs regular observation. Should the tree split along this rift, one half would fall onto the house.

However, that isn't the main subject of this report. There are two pockets of stagnant water at the base of the large limb that leaves the main trunk toward the house then turns toward the boundary wall. Both pools are larger than a tennis ball and I found the bottom of each to be soft with rotting material and the smell was sufficiently bad to confirm the presence of decay. In all other respects the limb looks healthy, but the potential for structural compromise that these two pools present, coupled with the extreme length and weight of the limb, make it a candidate for failure as the rot penetrates and spreads.

I have consequently advised the removal of this limb and an adjacent stub left from previous work which has no apparent signs of life, with an overall aerial inspection and dead wooding.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or 'phone.

Best regards,

Trevor Johnson

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