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Dear Sir/Madam

Land Adjacent to Halifax Old Road, Birkby

Partially collapsed burr wall & adjacent tree

Following a recent inspection of a reported collapse of a highway retaining wall which retains private woodland it was noted that a large tree which is located directly behind it has contributed to a section of the wall partially collapsing onto the adjacent highway verge.

A recent land ownership search undertaken by the Council has identified you as the registered owner of the land where the tree is located. I am therefore writing to ask you to arrange for the removal of the offending tree in order to facilitate the necessary remediation of the wall.

Please note that the tree in question is in a Tree Preservation Order Area (TPO). It is therefore your responsibility to obtain the necessary permissions to remove the tree from the Council's Planning Section contact 01484 414909 or trees.planning@kirklees.gov.uk

Further information about the above exemption or TPO's in general can be found on the Council's web site at: www.Kirklees.gov.uk/trees.

Furthermore, you can either appoint your own contractor to carry out the necessary tree removal operation or alternatively, the Council's Forestry Section (email: forestry@kirklees.gov.uk) can provide you with a cost estimate for undertaking the necessary tree removal works.

Should you wish to employ your own contractor, please ensure that care is taken so as to avoid further damaging the wall during the works whilst adopting an appropriate traffic management to protect the safety of your operatives and other highway users while the tree removal operation is being undertaken.

I have attached a location plan below which describes the location of the wall in relation to your property. I would also direct your attention to Photo 1 and 2 which demonstrate the extent of the tree and its impact on the wall.

In the meantime, should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me Ryan Scott on 01484 221000 (asking for Ryan Scott when prompted) or Ryan.Scott@Kirklees.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan Scott

Senior Engineer

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Photo 1 – Showing collapsed section of wall and tree



Photo 2 – Showing collapsed wall and relative proximity to dragons teeth markings and 30mph limit sign