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8th December 2021

Re. APP/21/01236 – Ash at 13 Frogmore Lane, Waterloo, PO8 9QN

Dear Sirs,

Further to a site visit carried out yesterday (07/12/2021), I advise as follows (please also refer to the photos on the following pages):

The Ash is about 14m tall with a 16m crown spread. It appears to be an outgrown coppice and is multi-stemmed.

I noted honey fungus at two areas around the base, with the bark dying back above. The crown also appears sparse and appears to be infected with Ash die-back.

The tree is growing about 6m away from the dwelling at 7 Ash Copse and is due south-west of it.

The honey fungus will be decaying the base of the tree and, given that most strong winds come from the south-west, there is a genuine risk that the tree could, at some point in the future, be blown onto the house.

The tree is in a poor condition and should be removed.

There is ample room within the rear garden for a suitable replacement tree, and this matter can be dealt with by condition.

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Yours sincerely



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Photographs:

Photo 1. The sparse crown of the Ash



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Photo 2. The honey fungus fruiting bodies on the southern side of base (now shrivelled)



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Photo 3. The honey fungus fruiting bodies on the north-eastern side (now shrivelled)



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Photo 4. The back of the dying, southern stem.



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Photo 5. The front of the dying, southern stem.



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Appendix 1 - Professional résumé

I am Trevor Heaps, Director of Trevor Heaps Arboricultural Consultancy Ltd. I hold a First-Class Honours Degree in Arboriculture; I am a Chartered Arboriculturist and a professional member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters; and I am also a Registered Consultant with the Arboricultural Association.

Professional training

- Arboriculture and Bats: Scoping Surveys for Arborists (BCT & AA) – October 2017
- Tree Science (AA) – June 2016
- OPM (Oak Processionary Moth) Training (FC) – May 2016
- Visual Tree Assessment (Arboricultural Association) - October 2015
- Trees and the Law (Dr Charles Mynors) - June 2015
- Mortgage (Home Buyers) Report Writing (LANTRA / CAS) - February 2015
- Tree Preservation Orders - effective application (LANTRA / CAS) - November 2014
- Professional Tree Inspection 3-day course (LANTRA / AA) - July 2014
- Arboricultural Consultancy Course (AA) - May 2014
- Further down the subsidence trail 1-day course (AA) - April 2013
- Getting to grips with subsidence 1-day course (AA) - November 2012

AA – Arboricultural Association

BCT – Bat Conservation Trust

CAS – Consulting Arborist Society

FC – Forestry Commission