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Mrs P Sutton,
22, Leigh Road,
Havant,
Hampshire,
PO9 2ET

20 September 2012

QUOTATION

Dear Mrs Sutton,

Re: Horse Chestnut Tree (TPO)

My apologies for the delay in writing to you, as explained I have been away on leave and then the usual catching up process which took longer than expected! However, the purpose of my visit on the 18th September 2012 was to assess the late mature Aesculus hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut) for its removal.

As advised the tree does show signs of Phytophthora ramorum of the Phytophthora pathogen, a disease that infects the vascular system of the tree. In view of this and the tree's age and location to Leigh Road you are right to consider its removal. Our price to fell the entire tree by section and remove all the arising's from your property would be £1100.00 plus vat.

With reference to your comment regarding ownership of the tree, I did note that a considerable quantity of Horse Chestnut trees located on both sides of Leigh Road had been subject to recent maintenance work in the form of external crown reductions. This work being carried out under the instructions of your local authority would suggest an admission of ownership on their behalf. In my experience local authorities do not spend rate payers money on privately owned property, equally there is the question of Duty of Care, this responsibility lays firmly with the owner, once again the finger points firmly at Havant Borough Council. I did also note that the tree has grown into the original boundary stock fence, the fence being on the property side of the tree. Clearly the tree was originally planted between the road and the old stock fence. I would suggest you take this matter up once again with the Tree Officer for Planning Control at Havant Borough Council before appointing any contractors to remove the tree on your behalf.

Meanwhile please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Simon Gray