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To: Jason Emerich

Ash trees running down the boundary between your track and the village green. This track is also the public right of way to the various paths which cross the land at Cuckfield

I visited the site on Tuesday the 13th February. I have marked eight mature Ash trees down on a sketch plan (T1 to T8), which I classify as trees of concern

T1 to T6 are multi stemmed trees. Originally, the Ash would have been cut and allowed to regenerate. These stools would have been traditionally cut on a 15 to 20-year cycle. Where trees like these, which are multi stemmed in nature, are allowed to develop into mature/over mature specimens, they present very inherent problems. There are many inclusions where the stems are coexisting. This included bark prevents the trunks from fusing and can lead to structurally, unpredictable trees. The usual risk is for individual stems peeling away in blustery/windy weather. Another inherent issue with old coppiced trees is the extent of decay/cavities in the stools.

T7, Mature single stemmed Ash situated on the south side of the track. The tree is growing close up against the neighbouring old brick wall. This tree will in the near future cause structural issues with this substantial wall.

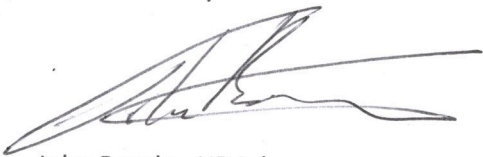
T8, Mature Ash On the edge of the woodland by the field access gates. Due to the heavy foot fall and occasional vehicle access into the field, this tree's surface root plate is exposed. There is also major dead wood present in this tree's upper canopy.

Along this belt of Ash trees are also, single stemmed Maple trees, young single stemmed Ash, two young Lime trees, one semi mature English Oak and a Hawthorn.

Taking into account the above findings and the high public activity in this area, I recommend the following: The most sensible course of action, which will safe guard you for a long way into the future, would be to fell trees T1 to T8. The remaining trees along this boundary will then be able to fill out and become good specimen trees for this village green boundary.

If you want to discuss any points with reference to the above, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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