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Laverstock & Ford Parish Council  
By email

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Wiltshire  
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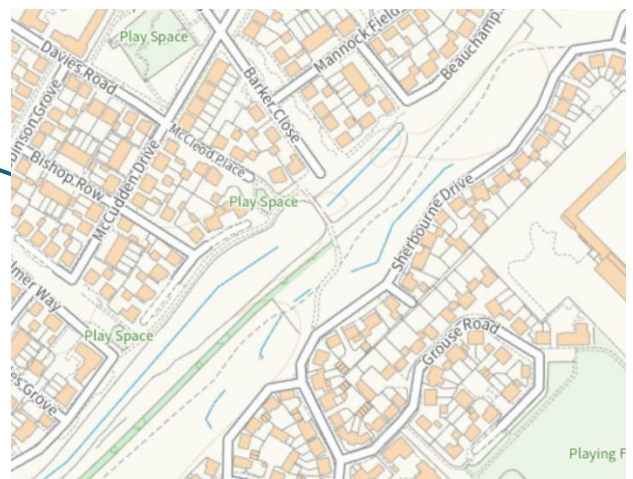
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Dear Parish Clerk,

## **Trees overhanging streetlights at the footpath between Barker Close and Sherbourne Drive Section 154 (1) Highways Act 1980**

During a recent highway inspection, it was noted that vegetation, which I believe to be growing from land owned or occupied by you, is overhanging the public highway and constitutes an obstruction. You will appreciate that this is a potential hazard to the public who use the highway, and it is the responsibility of landowners to ensure that their trees, hedges or shrubs do not obstruct the public highway. The streetlamps on the footpath on land owned by your parish Council are powered by solar energy and need to be pruned to let the light through. The trees are covered by TPOs, so you may want to consult with our Arboriculture Officer before works are undertaken.

Please will you therefore arrange to cut back the vegetation to your boundary within **28 days of the date of this letter**. Once completed, please advise by email and, if possible, send a photo to [HighwaysAssetsandCommissioning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysAssetsandCommissioning@wiltshire.gov.uk)



Section 154 of the Highways Act 1980 gives the Highway Authority power to serve notice to landowners or occupiers to ensure the removal of vegetation overhanging the highway. However, we find that landowners or occupiers usually make the necessary arrangements when the matter is

brought to their attention and rarely is it necessary to refer the matter to the Council's Legal department.

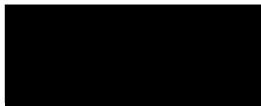
Your co-operation regarding this matter would be appreciated. When carrying out the work, should you or anyone cutting back the vegetation on your behalf need to work on the highway, please ensure that the work is carried out in a safe manner. We would advise you to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including hi-visibility clothing to ensure your safety while carrying out the work. Please be mindful of the safety of highway users and ensure all debris is removed immediately and the public highway is left clean and tidy.

If the vegetation is not on land within your ownership, please let me know.

Should you be unable to arrange the work for any reason or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [HighwaysAssetsandCommissioning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysAssetsandCommissioning@wiltshire.gov.uk)

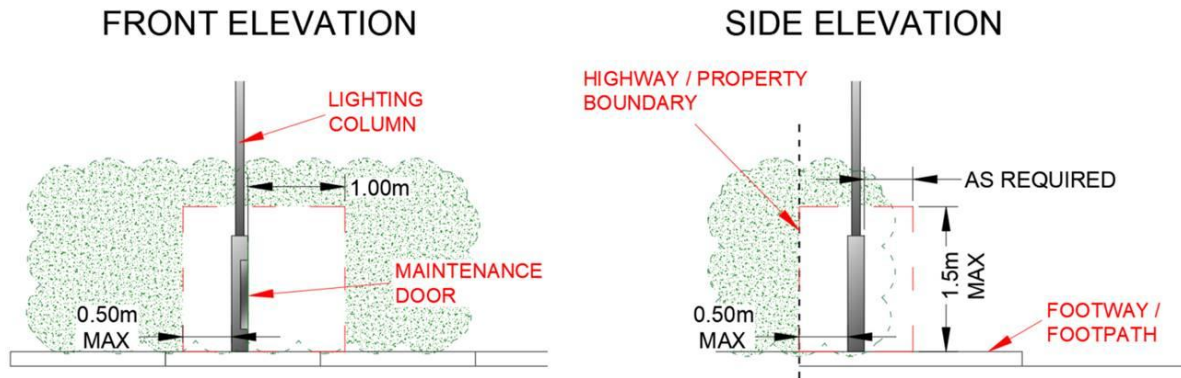
Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

Yours faithfully



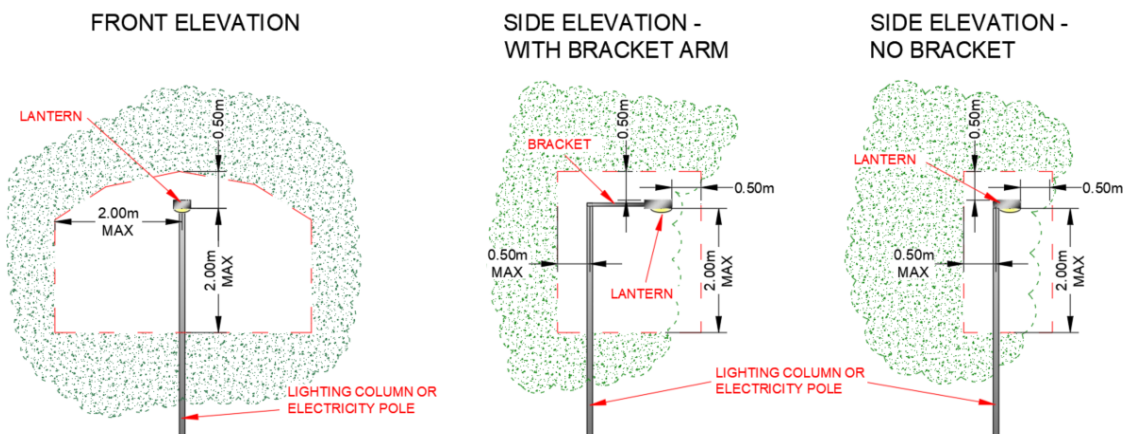
**Judy Jones**  
**Senior Business Support Officer**

## TYPICAL LOW LEVEL HEDGE OR FOLIAGE PRUNING REQUIREMENT



THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE TYPICAL HEDGE / FOLIAGE REMOVAL TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO COLUMN BASE FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES. WHERE THE LIGHTING COLUMN SITS AT OR WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDARY, NO PRUNING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BEHIND THE COLUMN WITHOUT PERMISSION BEING SOUGHT.

## TYPICAL TREE PRUNING REQUIREMENT



THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE TYPICAL MAXIMUM BRANCH / FOLIAGE REMOVAL TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO LANTERN AND REDUCE BLOCKING OF LIGHT. WHERE THE LIGHTING COLUMN / ELECTRICITY POLE SITS AT OR WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDARY, NO PRUNING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BEHIND THE STRUCTURE / BOUNDARY WITHOUT PERMISSION BEING SOUGHT.