



BADMINTON ESTATE

Wiltshire Council
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN

Ref/PD058

27/05/2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Section 211 Application – Removal of Horse Chestnut at Manor Farm, Sopworth

I am writing to give notice of proposed tree works within Sopworth Conservation Area.

Tree Details

The tree that is the subject of this notification (T1) is a red-flowering horse chestnut (*Aesculus × carnea*).

- Approximate stem diameter at 1.5m above ground level: 0.35 metres.
- Location: Positioned to the south of the bellmouth of a farm access, as shown on the enclosed site plan.

Reason for Works

The tree has grown within the visibility splay (sight line) of the farm access and is currently obstructing clear visibility onto the adjoining highway. This presents a highway safety concern for vehicles entering and exiting the site.

The current stem diameter of approximately 0.35 metres indicates that the tree is established but not yet at full maturity, and further growth in both trunk diameter and crown spread can be expected.

While pruning of lower branches has been considered, the obstruction to visibility is primarily caused by the position and increasing girth of the main stem, rather than just the canopy. As such, pruning would not provide a satisfactory or long-term solution.

Removal of the tree is therefore considered necessary to ensure safe access and egress and to improve visibility.

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Supporting Information

Please find enclosed:

- A site location plan identifying the tree
- Photographs illustrating the tree and the visibility obstruction (**Appendix A**)
- A plan to illustrate visibility sight line (**Appendix B**)

Should you require any further information or wish to inspect the tree, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I will await the expiry of the six-week notification period or written confirmation from the Council before undertaking any works.

Yours faithfully



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Head of Planning and Development

Appendix A – Tree to be Removed (Photographed May 2026)



Obscured visibility splay

Appendix B – Visibility Splay

