

COGNATUM ESTATES

WYE HOUSE

Barn St

Marlborough

SN8 1AB

REPORT

Further to my visit last week. I would report the following with regards to the Mature Beech at the front of the Property.

A full survey of all trees on the site was carried out on the 22nd of September 2025 as part of the regular inspection regime. Concern was raised with regards to the mature Beech tree on the front of the property. Inspection at the time highlighted decay fungal fruiting bodies in the base and recommended the removal of the ivy around the base to enable further inspection of the buttresses and base of the tree.

Following the removal of the Ivy a further inspection was carried out on the 1st of April 2026. The tree was coming into leaf and there was clear apical dieback with deadwood in the upper crown. As the Ivy had been cut back a full inspection of the base and buttresses was carried out. Both *Kretzschmaria deusta* and *Ganoderma* fungal fruiting bodies were identified, both are decay fungi affecting the structure of the base of the tree, rendering it unstable.

The tree is a large mature specimen located in a very prominent position at the front of Wye House adjacent to the boundary wall and overhanging the road and pavement. Within the property the parking area and access courtyard all sit within the crown spread. Should the tree fail, it would have significant and potentially fatal impact. The House and the Wall are both listed and the road, the main A346, is regularly backed up with traffic due to the roundabout at the junction of the A4.

Although indication is that decay in the tree is in its early stages, in light of the very high risk due to the potential impact should the tree fail, it is considered that the tree be removed. In Risk Assessment terms the Likelihood might be Low/Medium, but the Effect is High, as such action must be taken. I would not recommend reduction in this case as my opinion is that to reduce the risk, reduction work would need to be significant, reducing the impact of the tree in the landscape and restricting the ability of the tree to recover.

I trust that this information is helpful. If I can help further just let me know.

Kind regards,

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