

21st September 2026

Re: 1 x Horse Chestnut at Great Bedwyn Memorial Playing Field

Dear Wiltshire Tree Officer

The horse chestnut has been showing signs of decline over the past six years, with its condition deteriorating noticeably over the last 12 months.

There are signs that decay within the main stem is progressing, together with areas of dead and damaged bark. Active cankers are also present.

There is a history of limb failure on the eastern side of the tree approximately four years ago, which was associated with Dryad's Saddle (*Ceriporus squamosus*).

The presence of this fungus has become increasingly noticeable over the past two years, with an increasing number of fruiting bodies being observed.

The ongoing decay, together with the significant decline in the tree's overall condition and the increasing presence of fungal fruiting bodies, may be affecting the structural integrity and stability of the main stem. Given the extent of the decay, the tree's deteriorating condition, and the location of the tree, I can only recommend that it be removed.

Following removal, a suitable replacement tree should be planted in its place to maintain tree cover at the site.

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Yours sincerely

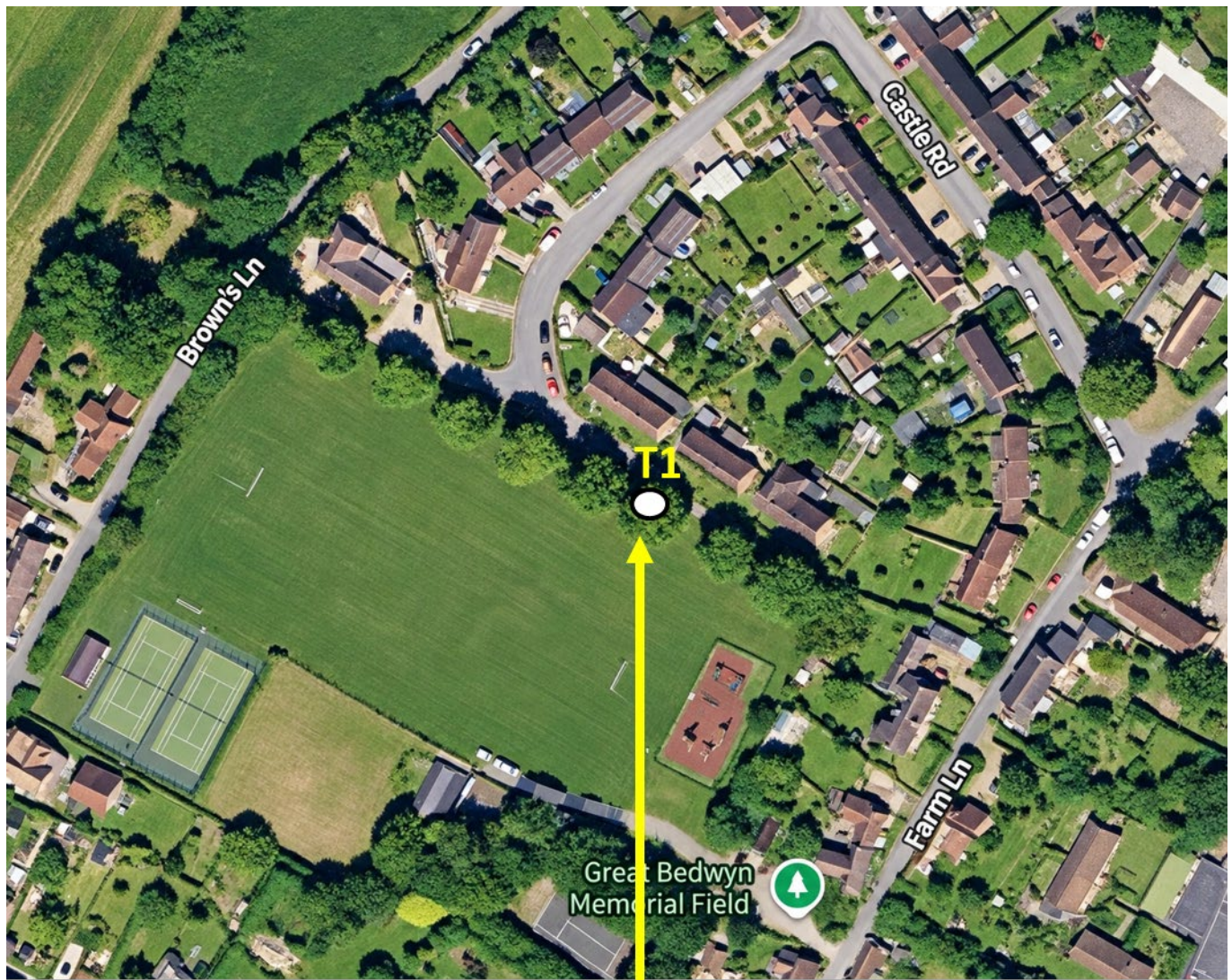


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