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CLYST FARM HELE EXETER EX5 4PR

31/08/22

Re; Turkey oak

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am the owner of numerous mature trees immediately adjacent to the public highway and have a background in arboriculture, as such I show due diligence each year by inspecting each tree from the ground only to check for dead or dangerous branches and for signs of disease.

I have observed these trees including the subject tree over a period of some twenty five years and so know them all well enough.

In the spring of 2020 I noticed a small amount of black discharge coming from a single point on the subject tree, an old pruning point which had calloused over long ago, at approximately 2.4m from the ground. Since then the discharge has increased considerably and is now coming from multiple points around the trunk, accompanied with a white foam, as can be seen in the accompanying photographs.

The subject tree is clearly diseased and due to its proximity to the public highway, I therefore desire to remove it, subject to your tree officers opinion.

Yours faithfully,

E. Harvey.