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The Owner/Occupier
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Your Ref:
Date: 7 November 2022

My Ref: HI(N)/12/L12/360414/SV/SBO
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Dear Sir/Madam

Overhanging tree Highways Act 1980 Section 154

During a recent inspection we saw that the tree on your land was overhanging the highway at Lovers Lane, Ludham which is restricting the height for high sided vehicles. You may not be aware but as the landowner you are responsible for making sure that trees and other vegetation don't cause problems which might endanger road users and pedestrians.

As it is an offence under the Highways Act 1980, I am writing to ask you to prune the tree to ensure there is 5m clearance over the road (and 2.4m over the footpath) within 14 days of the date of this letter, so that the full width of the highway is available for use. If you would like us to do this work for you please contact us; unfortunately we cannot carry out such work free of charge.

In the event that you have not sufficiently cut the hedge back within 28 days, it may be necessary for us to arrange to carry out the work and recover the cost from you. We would advise that costs for this type of work are typically in excess of £300.

May I take this opportunity to advise you on the best time of year to carry out this maintenance in future, as I am sure you will want to keep the vegetation trimmed back. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 it is an offence to disturb a bird's nest in use, so please avoid cutting back during the period when nests are being built and used. It is best to cut during the period after berries have been eaten by the birds and before nest building begins (generally January to March).

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Please note that this notification could be referred to if there was an incident or accident on the highway which led to a claim for civil damages for loss or personal injury linked to the subject of this notice. You may wish to consider your personal liability insurance in this respect.

If you need more information or further advice, please contact me on the above details.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

S Viner
Highway Technician (North2)
for Director of Community and Environmental Services

