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Hi Imogen

Having inspected the Sycamore in question.....

There is a large cavity on the left hand side of the trunk caused by a previous large branch removal.

The remaining stump has been rotting for some time now and appears to be causing an increasing cavity to form within the main stem. Having witnessed this before on repeated occasions, I am concerned as to the structural integrity of the tree as a whole. As you will know...Sycamore does not react well to open wounds of this nature and can continue to decay internally.

It is in close proximity to both the owners property and the next door property. Were it to fail it would cause significant damage and or injury.

I have advised the client accordingly and he has requested either a reduction or a removal. As Sycamores do not reduce well, I am not prepared to reduce the tree to the degree that would stabilise any threat and have recommended removal and replacement.

If you would like a site meeting to discuss...please let me know and I can meet you on site when convenient.

Many thanks

Jerry Cox