



1, Gerald's Close

Burgess Hill

RH15 0NB

Tree Report

April 23rd 2025

My Ref. : TR/250407

Re. Lime tree on grass verge outside 1, Gerald Close, Burgess Hill

This tree is in danger of falling.

There is clear evidence of the fungus *Kretzschmaria Deusta*, commonly known as Brittle Cinder Fungus, at the base of the trunk.

This fungus eats away at the root system, but does not immediately affect the canopy. A tree with this can look in perfect health, but below ground is in serious decline.

According to the owner, a tree officer attended the site to make a decision on this tree in 2018. She decided it should be left standing even though there was fungus observed at the time. After a further 7 years the fungus will have weakened the root structure considerably.

In my opinion, based on over 40 years experience in the industry, and having felled several trees with this fungus, this tree should be taken down soon.

Yours,

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