

FV - Conservation Area
request visit from WSCC Tree Officer

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Our Ref: 624936

Dear Householder

A few members of the public have contacted us regarding a large tree branch which is now overhanging the publicly maintained highway on Hoblands, Haywards Heath.

Please note that we have checked our records and can confirm that the tree in question is not within the public highway boundary and therefore not West Sussex County Council responsibility.

Following a boundary search, the tree is located on a land registered to 363 Franklands Village, Haywards Heath, and therefore I am forwarding you the customer concerns regarding the tree which is now causing few local issues, as the branch is low overhanging the footpath, but also dropping a significant amount of acorn which can become slippery for the highway users.

Please be aware that we have also identified a significant amount of dead wood, which may require an inspection as soon as possible.

As the tree is on a land registered to this address, we are strongly advising arranging for an inspection as the tree does look damaged and dropping a significant amount of acorn on the highway, and this can become a safety concern.

Can I please remind you that as the owner of the land you have a common law duty to take reasonable care to ensure the trees are not a hazard or could cause damage to the public highway. Should an incident occur which result in damage to properties or injuries, you may find yourself liable for claims.

Please be advised that this letter has been sent as an information purpose only, and should you wish to discuss this further, please contact us on 01243 642105.

Yours faithfully