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To: Mr. W. Frost
Sailtops,
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to provide a formal statement regarding the removal of the American Oak, located at Saitlops, in 2023.

During a storm that summer, the tree suffered irreparable damage, with approximately one-third of its structure breaking away.

Upon climbing the tree to make a detailed inspection, it became clear that the tree's failure was due to it having a bifurcated trunk.

This meant it had a structurally poor union at the seperation point between the twin trunks, with a significant crack the full width of the trunk running longitudinally a considerable way down the trunk. This structural weakness left the tree liable to structural failure upon exposure to wind stress, posing a significant safety risk. Unfortunately, after the structural failure of the bifurcation during the storm, remedial pruning or bracing was not a solution at all, due to the remaining part of the tree being structurally compromised and certain to develop additional safety critical defects as a knock on result of the already serious damage, the only responsible course of action was therefor, to remove the tree entirely.

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While we all appreciate the value of mature trees, this particular specimen was a non-native, American Oak, and its structurally compromised condition meant that removal was necessary to ensure ongoing public safety of the residents of Sailtops, their immediate neighbours, and all passersby, using the public highway and public footpath alike.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further details.

Regards,

Jonathan Carter

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