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Dear Andrew,

RE: Tree assessment: Punchbowl Inn, Hurst Green.

As requested, I carried out a site visit to the Punch Bowl at Hurst Green to visually assess the Large copper beech tree located in the North East corner of the site (referred to as T1).

The reason for the visit was concerns from yourself over the main limbs that overhang Longridge Road and that they may be unsafe and could fall onto the road. It was mentioned that excessive creaking and straining was heard and seen by yourselves.

I attended the site on 29th October 2018, the same day as you requested the visit over the phone. While on site I carried out a visual assessment of the tree looking at all significant branch unions and structural elements of the tree. From this assessment I could not find any significant visual defects that would lead me to recommend major limb removal / reduction on the grounds of health and safety.

I did note that the overall canopy of the tree that encroaches over Longridge Road does hang lower than what I would recommend with signs of the branches brushing on high sided vehicles, with this, my recommendation is to lift the canopy of the tree so that there is 6m clearance between the road and the canopy, this will allow safe passage of high sided vehicle to pass underneath without the risk of striking the tree and give clearance for any future growth.

While this work is being undertaken I recommend that the arborist climber undertaking the work has a visual assessment within the canopy to see if there are any areas of concern that can not be seen from ground level, if an issues is found it should be documented and reported back to my self and / or the local authority tree officer for advice and guidance prior to undertaking any additional works.

I will submit an application to the council for permission to undertake the crown lifting as detailed above.

I hope that this letter provides all the necessary information, but should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



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Copper Beech – T1 – showing drooping canopy branches over the road



Location Plan showing T1



Requested tree works to T1

- Crown lift to give 6m of clearance over the road, canopy to be pruned back by removal of 3rd order branches or smaller only, no major limbs are to be remove.
- A visual assessment of the tree from within the canopy is recommended by the climbing arborist to assess if there are any significant issues within the tree that can not be seen from ground level (no additional work will be carried out unless agreed in writing by the local authority).

