

From: Custom Cutters
Sent: 15 October 2026 15:05
To: Daniel Monk
Cc: James Argles
Subject: 5-day notice application

Good afternoon Daniel,

Hope you're well. This is a five-day notice for the proposed felling of the Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) by 1-3 Rookfield Avenue and behind 8-12A Rookfield Close, London N10 3TR, on health and safety grounds. The below is from Kim Gifford who carried out the most recent Picus test in 2025. The estate is happy to plant a replacement tree.

"The previous Picus assessment, undertaken on 17 September 2025 and reported on 23 September 2025, identified altered timber at the base adjacent to the fungal bracket. At that time, continued crown management and regular monitoring for further decay were recommended. This was marked deterioration since a prior Picus test in June 2021 when the Ganoderma was noted to be still quite fresh.

Since that assessment, further decay has been observed and the Ganoderma bracket has increased in size, raising concern about the progression of decay and the tree's structural integrity. In light of this deterioration, I now recommend felling the tree to mitigate the risk of failure and injury to people or damage to surrounding property. The 2025 report is attached for reference".

Kind regards

Rachel

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