

## Tree Removal Application – Supporting Statement

### Cover Letter

To:  
The Tree Officer / Planning Department  
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From:  
Mr Ish Patel  
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631 Halifax Road, Rochdale. OL12 9QU.

Subject: Application for Removal of Diseased and Unsafe Trees at [Insert Site Address]

Dear Tree Officer,

I am writing to formally apply for consent to remove five trees located within the grounds of [Site Name – e.g., Hurstead House Care Home, 631 Halifax Road, Rochdale. OL12 9QU.]. These trees have been identified as either dead, dying, or severely diseased, presenting an ongoing safety risk to residents, staff, and property.

The affected trees include three Sycamore trees (A, C, E), one dead Sycamore (D), and one Alder tree (B). All are displaying symptoms consistent with Anthracnose and Phytophthora infections, causing extensive dieback, bark deterioration, and structural instability.

Due to their proximity to the care home building, driveway, and garden area, the trees have become hazardous — with branches regularly falling during autumn and winter. The proposed removals are essential to safeguard residents and allow development of a safe outdoor garden space.

A detailed summary of each tree's condition and justification for removal is provided below.

Yours sincerely,  
Ish Patel

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### *Site Details*

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| Property Name          | Hurstead House Care Home                                                             |
| Address                | 631 Halifax Road, Rochdale. OL12 9QU                                                 |
| Applicant / Owner      | [Ish Patel / Hurstead House Care Home]                                               |
| Purpose of Application | Removal of five diseased, dying, or dead trees posing safety and environmental risks |

### *Tree Summary and Justification*

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| Tree Ref. | Species                        | Condition / Disease               | Location                         | Observed Issues                                                                     | Proposed Action / Justification                                     |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A         | Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) | Anthrachnose fungal disease       | Within 5 m of care home building | Dead branches fall on roof and garden; extensive dieback; restricts safe garden use | Remove to eliminate hazard and allow creation of a safe garden area |
| B         | Alder (Alnus glutinosa)        | Phytophthora infection            | Adjacent to Tree A               | Darkened bark, severe dieback, leaf discoloration, rotting branches                 | Remove to prevent collapse and disease spread                       |
| C         | Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) | Fungal infection (poor health)    | Adjacent to driveway             | Weak branches overhanging driveway; danger to pedestrians and vehicles              | Remove to ensure safety of driveway users                           |
| D         | Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) | Dead (fungal disease origin)      | Near Tree E                      | Fully dead; structural instability; disease source                                  | Remove to prevent collapse and reduce infection spread              |
| E         | Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) | Fungal disease (linked to Tree D) | Next to Tree D                   | Progressive decline; visible decay                                                  | Remove to contain infection and mitigate                            |

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|  |  |  |  |  | falling-<br>branch risk |
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### Additional Notes

- All trees exhibit advanced decline or death due to fungal infection.
- Branch fall during high winds has caused repeated property damage and poses a risk to residents and staff.
- Removal will enable the development of a secure and accessible garden area in line with care home safety standards.
- Replacement planting will be undertaken using appropriate native and disease-resistant species to maintain the area's visual and ecological value.

### Declaration

I confirm that the information provided in this statement is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The proposed works are necessary to ensure site safety, prevent further spread of tree disease, and support resident well-being.

Ish Patel.