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Ref No: 11/00481/TPO
Re: Horse Chestnut tree at Old Rectory, 8 Rectory Lane, Market Bosworth.

After carrying out repair work to the above tree back in December last year we made note of the ill health of the above tree and recommended that it was further inspected when the tree was in full leaf. Our client contacted Julian Simpson who arranged an on site meeting and noted that the tree was in decline. Our own examination has found that his tree has had a large amount of damage caused to the top of the crown which has resulted in a large column of decay to form. This has in turn created an ideal environment for the growth of Honey Fungus. We have found evidence of Honey Fungus in the form of the fungus's rhizomorph's or bootlaces within the trees crown around the area of decay. The tree also has a number of areas that has Bleeding Canker present which is also a major stress factor. Last summer there was also the presence of Leaf Miner Moth which would more than likely be present again this year.

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