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Dangerous Liphook tree to be removed

A prominent tree in Liphook will be removed after a large overhanging branch dropped on to a road.

East Hampshire District Council arboricultural officers agree the tree, a horse chestnut outside the Royal Anchor pub, is in a potentially dangerous state and have raised no objection to its removal.

Greene King, the owners of the pub, want to remove the tree to protect the public.

Following inspection, the tree, which leans over The Square, was found to be hollow in places and infected with a damaging fungus.

Several weeks ago a 30cm diameter branch broke from the tree and fell to the road near a bus stop and there is concern for the public safety should it happen again.

EHDC arboricultural officers will discuss the question of replacing the tree with the owners.

EHDC Councillor for Liphook, Bill Moulard, said: "The advice of the experts is to remove the tree. The branch that fell down a few weeks ago was very large and could have caused serious injury to anyone underneath.

"We can't allow an unsafe tree to remain in such a prominent location where people regularly gather."

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