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Dear Mr Hartley,

Re:
Proposed gateway and drive off Mill Lane

I am a NPTC qualified tree surgeon, and have been so since 2002.

I have been asked to report on the impact of the proposed drive construction on the adjacent trees.

During the build of Stanhopea in 2012, a compacted hard-core base, approximately 24 - 30 inches deep, was created to facilitate access for contractors' plant and building supplies to the site.

Today, no deep digging is required, although I have shown on the drawings where the roots would be.

Eight years after the formation of the compacted hardcore base, the two trees , Horse Chestnut and a Variegated Sycamore, look in perfect health.

The creation of the driveway and entrance will be upon this compacted hard-core. Deep excavations are therefore not required and no damage can be caused to the adjacent trees.

The hard-core, for the first 15 ft from Mill Lane was covered in soil, 8 inches deep, which was then seeded. The remainder of the hard-core area was covered in gravel. This soil and gravel will be removed and replaced with tarmac.

None of the above work will cause damage to the trees.

Yours sincerely

Charles Piggott