

Wellingborough Walks Action Group Limited



PROPOSED REMOVAL OF FOUR STREET TREES ON HARROWDEN RD, LINKED TO A SUBSIDENCE CLAIM FROM RESIDENTS AT 65 ROCHE WAY

Thursday 26th February 2026

Evidence of Presence of Threatened Harrowden Rd Trees from 1964

I have been asking around regarding trying to prove the presence and the age of the Trees that are at risk on Harrowden Rd in Wellingborough. The two pictures below are from June 1964, and sometime in 1965 respectively. These show that the 4 trees that are at risk were present onsite in June 1964 and that no housing at Roche Way was present at the time, with the area being just fields.

From the pictures we can also see that the trees look fairly mature, much more than just a few years old at that time. This challenges the determination on the Arboricultural assessment produced for Aviva 2024, that these trees were no older than the neighbouring property.

Picture 1 - from June 1964 - this shows Harrowden Rd running along the left hand side (LHS) of the photo going south to north in the picture (from the bottom to the top). The road opening on the RHS is The Pyghtle (Rd), with Ridgeway Rd coming off it parallel to Harrowden Rd. I believe the trees on the LHS of Harrowden Rd above the opening on the right hand side (RHS) for The Pyghtle, above the lamppost on the LHS, are the trees in question.

Please note the fields on the extreme LHS, these are the fields present before the houses were built on Roche Way

Picture 1



The same view as picture 1 above is visible via the Google Maps link below, today

https://www.google.com/maps/@52.3118584,-0.7001555,60m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIxNy4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

Same view but from street level from Google maps today

https://www.google.com/maps/@52.3115447,-0.7003718,3a,75y,357.64h,92.73t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sHZiLZYyjLESyXz1I6aJGFw!2e0!6shhttps:%2F%2Fstreetviewpixels-pa.googleapis.com%2Fv1%2Fthumbnail%3Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%26w%3D900%26h%3D600%26pitch%3D-2.7273559598176718%26panoid%3DHZiLZYyjLESyXz1I6aJGFw%26yaw%3D357.64100790982667!7i16384!8i8192?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIxNy4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

Picture 2



This seems to show the trees on Harrowden Rd viewed from the direction of The Pyghtle (this is the road going north to south (in the photo) on the RHS of picture 2). Harrowden Rd is the line of trees cutting across the picture from left to right, towards the top.

The trees in question will be in the row of trees to the right of the lamppost on the RHS of the photo. The trees in question are the ones on the end of the row on the extreme right of the pictures.

See today's view of the same area at street level - so lower down...

https://www.google.com/maps/@52.3119099,-0.699793,3a,75y,267.83h,82.81t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sf4h2YwCNFvqMU8k8I4QwAw!2e0!6shhttps:%2F%2Fstreetviewpixels-pa.googleapis.com%2Fv1%2Fthumbnail%3Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%26w%3D900%26h%3D600%26pitch%3D7.186056414463337%26panoid%3Df4h2YwCNFvqMU8k8I4QwAw%26yaw%3D267.83465953445466!7i16384!8i8192?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIxNy4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

This one is closer to Harrowden Rd, clearly showing the lamppost mentioned above

https://www.google.com/maps/@52.3118409,-0.7001221,3a,75y,254.18h,89.59t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sjCzYMncRgMD2ciHa_hUT0A!2e0!6shhttps:%2F%2Fstreetviewpixels-pa.googleapis.com%2Fv1%2Fthumbnail%3Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%26w%3D900%26h%3D600%26pitch%3D0.4069133838070371%26panoid%3DiCzYMncRgMD2ciHa_hUT0A%26yaw%3D254.17919427528395!7i16384!8i8192?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIxNy4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

Conclusions

As long as I am reading these pictures correctly, it is clear to see that the 4 trees under threat are well established in 1964 and 1965 respectively. On picture 2 you can also more clearly see the fields behind the trees where the housing that became Roche Way were built a couple of years later.

Best wishes

Marion

Marion Turner-Hawes

Director

Wellingborough Walks Action Group (WWAG) Ltd