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Dear Mr Waters,

Field Between Meadow Park and Box Road, Bathford BA1 7DY Tree Safety

The Council has received correspondence from a resident concerning the safety of trees growing on the land referred to above to the rear of 38 Box Road.

The resident has resorted to contacting the Council because they have written to you as the land owner but have received no response.

Under the Occupiers' Liability Acts of 1957 and 1984 the occupier of a site has a duty to take reasonable care to prevent or minimise the risk of personal injury or damage to property arising from any tree on their site.

Should you require more guidance, the National Tree Safety Group has published guidance for land owners, managers and advisers titled Common Sense Risk Management of Trees which is available at [http://www.forestry.gov.uk/PDF/FCMS025.pdf/\\$FILE/FCMS025.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/PDF/FCMS025.pdf/$FILE/FCMS025.pdf)

I would be grateful for your assurance that you are aware of your duty of care and will ensure that the trees around the perimeter of your land are inspected regularly to ensure that they pose no undue risk to neighbouring properties.

Yours sincerely

Jane Brewer
Senior Arboricultural Officer
Planning Services