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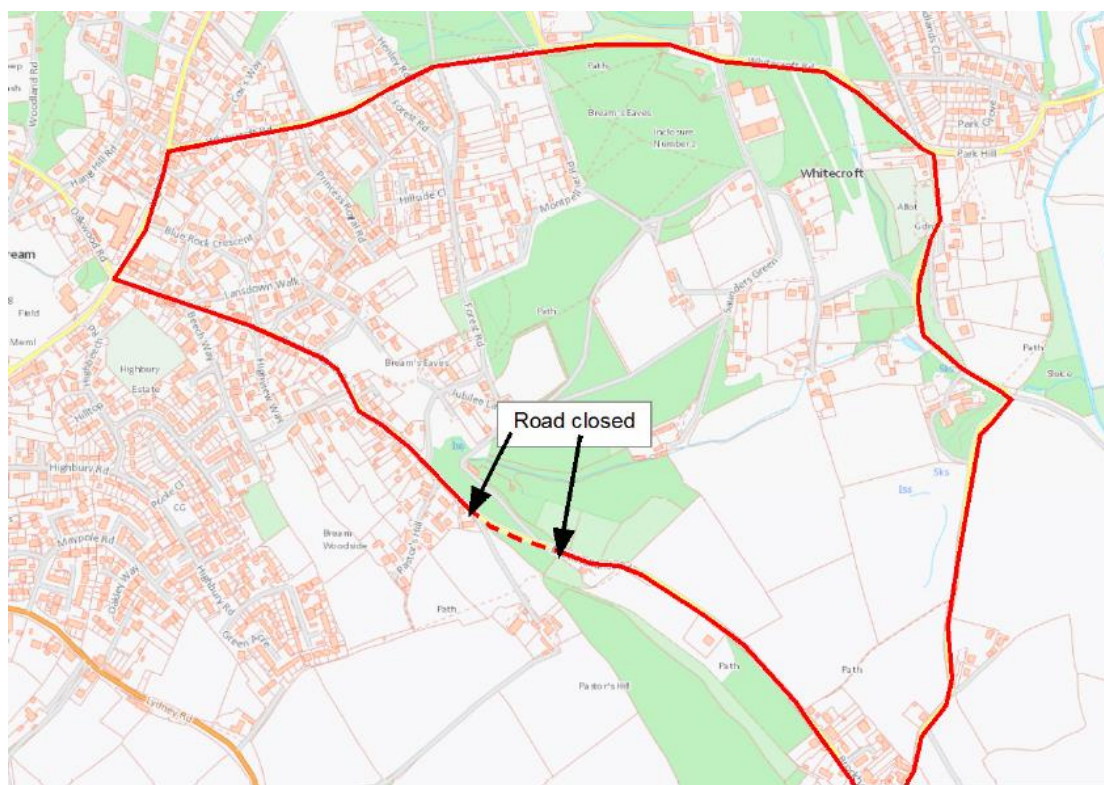
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to ensure that you are aware that emergency forest operations are due to begin this Monday 8th January 2024 along Brockhollands Road. This will require a full road closure with a diversion in place. They will be removing all diseased ash within 1 tree length from the highway to prevent the trees from causing harm. This is predicted to be completed by the 19th January, or until they finish, if earlier.

A diversion will be put in place at the bottom and at the top of Brockhollands Road to allow the work to take place, and to ensure access to property is always maintained, Banks persons will be at either end. Please see map below for road closure, and diversion route which are highlighted in red.





Chalara ash dieback is a serious disease of ash trees, caused by a fungus called *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, which is infecting ash trees across Europe and the UK. The disease affects ash trees by blocking the water transport systems, causing leaf loss, lesions in the wood and on the bark. This leads to the dieback of the crown of the tree. Trees become brittle over time with branches breaking away from the main body of the tree. If they are not dealt with, trees are at risk of collapsing, presenting an immediate danger to the surrounding area.

Please follow this link for more information <http://bit.ly/AshDieback-SymondsYat>

If you have any further questions, please get in touch via email westengland@forestryengland.uk

Kind regards,

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