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HISTORIC TREE TO BE FELLED DUE TO DISEASE

A LARGE mature oak tree at the rear of Whitecliffe Surgery, Whitecliffe Road, Blandford will be felled shortly because it is diseased.

The tree has been infected by two aggressive decay fungi - *fistulina* and *Inonotus*. The *inonotus* is particularly worrying as it is a root decay fungi.

The tree was inspected by an arboricultural consultant who used ultrasound to scan the inside of the tree. That investigation has found that the main trunk is heavily compromised and decayed and that the tree should be removed as it is dangerous.

Jeremy Partridge, Tree and Landscape Officer, said: "This is a magnificent tree which is probably very old, possibly 300 years. It is a terrible shame that it is being removed but we will ensure that a replacement is planted."

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