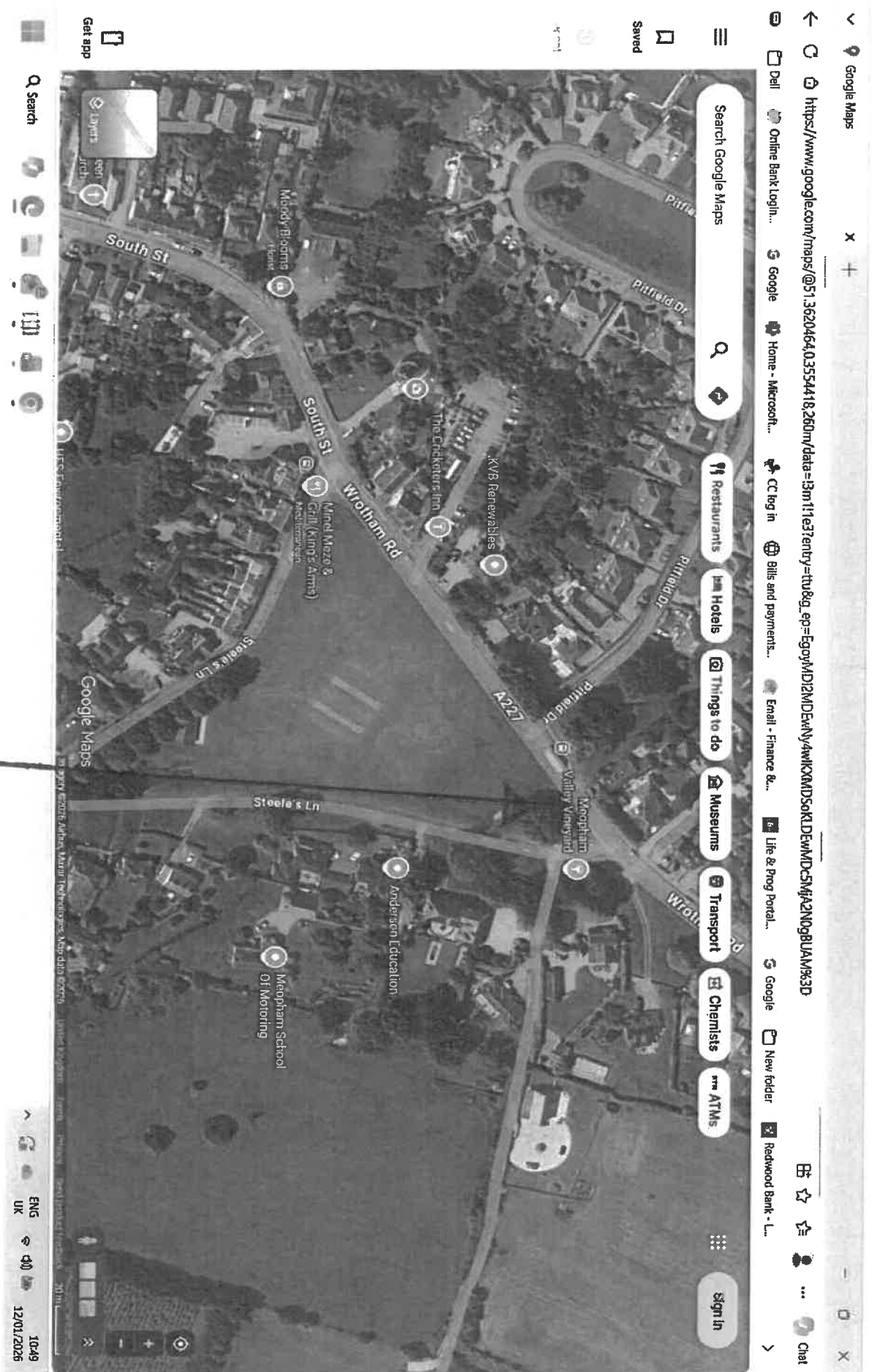




Trees' location.

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Re: Tree Work

From charlie stone [REDACTED]

Date Mon 2025-12-15 2:35 PM

To Finance & Grants Officer - Meopham Parish Council [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon Tracey

I will be sending the quotes through shortly for the works please see below what I'd recommend on the horse chestnut.

TREE CONDITION & RECOMMENDATION

Species: Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) - T006

Location: Meopham Green - MAP 2

Assessment: Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)

Findings

The tree shows significant decay at the base of the stem, with exposed and deteriorating wood present (Please see photos attached)

Further evidence of internal decay and a hollow cavity within the main stem approximately 5–6 metres above ground level indicates reduced structural integrity.

Risk

Due to the extent of decay and the tree's proximity to surrounding features, failure of the tree would likely result in impact with the adjacent war memorial, presenting an unacceptable risk.

Management Advice

Pollarding or heavy crown reduction is not advised, as Horse Chestnut responds poorly to severe pruning and the existing decay would significantly increase the risk of future structural failure.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the tree be:

- Felled
- Stump ground
- Replanted with a suitable native tree species

Conclusion

Retention of this tree is not considered safe. Removal and replacement is the most appropriate course of action.

Charlie Stone

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