

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

THE PLANT HEALTH (SWEET CHESTNUT BLIGHT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2017

The Plant Health (Sweet Chestnut Blight) (Demarcated Area No.6) Notice

An inspector authorised for the purposes of the Plant Health (Sweet Chestnut Blight) (England) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/178) (“the Order”) has confirmed the presence of *Cryphonectria parasitica* (Murrill) Barr on premises in the county of Devon to the north east of Bratton Clovelly.

The Secretary of State and the Forestry Commissioners, in exercise of the powers conferred by article 3(1) of the Order, give the following notice:

Citation

1. This notice may be cited as the Plant Health (Sweet Chestnut Blight) (Demarcated Area No.6) Notice.

Demarcated area

2. The area in the county of Devon within the boundary described in Annex 1 and shown depicted on the map in Annex 3 is demarcated under article 3(1) of the Order.

Infested area

3. The area within the boundary described in Annex 2 and shown depicted on the map in Annex 3 is the infested area for the purposes of the Order.

Controlled area

4. That part of the demarcated area described in paragraph 2 which does not lie within the infested area described in paragraph 3 is the controlled area for the purposes of the Order.

Commencement of prohibitions in article 4(2) of the Order

5. The prohibitions in article 4(2) of the Order in relation to the infested area and the controlled area described in this notice apply on or after 12th May 2017, until further notice.

Signed

Nicola T. Spence

Chief Plant Health Officer

for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

9th May 2017

Stephen Bennett
Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners
9th May 2017

ANNEX 1

Description of the boundary of the demarcated area

The boundary starts at Brockscombe Cross, SX 459 949, it then heads east along the minor road to the stream crossing at SX 465 950.

The boundary then leaves the road and then follows the line of the stream north east to the point that the tributary of the stream crosses the field boundary at SX 477 954.

The boundary continues to follow the field boundary in a north east direction to SX 478 954.

From SX 478 954 the boundary follows the edge of the field north west to SX 476 956 and then north east until joining the track at SX 477 956 and continuing along the track until it meets the A3079 at Moorside, SX 481 958.

At Moorside the boundary joins the A3079 and continues south east to Castle Cross, SX 482 956, here it leaves the A3079 and takes the minor road on the left, then heading north east until it reaches the Parish Boundary at SX 483 961.

The boundary then leaves the road and follows the Parish Boundary north over the route of the dismantled railway and then continues along the woodland edge and the line of a stream heading north east, following the same Parish Boundary, until it reaches the bridleway at SX 495 965.

The boundary follows the route of the bridleway south and then east across fields to the west and south of Lower Melbury. The boundary remains on the bridleway as it crosses a small stream and then joins the track at SX 500 961 and follows this track west to the minor road at SX 504 961.

At SX 504 961 the boundary heads south following the minor road to the crossroads at Venndown Gates, SX 505 941. The boundary then leaves the minor road and follows the A3079 east for 470m to the track at SX 509 940.

The boundary leaves the A3079 and joins the track heading south east for 50m before leaving the track to follow the field boundaries south to the stream at SX 509 937.

From SX 509 937 the boundary then follows the line of the stream as it runs south past Lower Hewton and joins the tributary to the River Thrushel at SX 505 928 and crosses over the road and then heads south west to the edge of the conifer plantation at SX 499 918.

From SX 499 918 the boundary leaves the stream to head west along field boundaries to the minor road at SX 497 919, here it then joins this road and follows it north for 90m to SX 497 919.

At SX 497 919 the boundary leaves the road and heads west and then south west following the route of the footpath around the northern boundary of the property at South Reed across fields until it meets the track to the north of Great Burrow at SX 492 918.

The boundary then follows the track south west through Great Burrow, North Burrow and past West Burrow where it joins the route of the bridleway at SX 491 917.

The boundary continues along the route of the bridleway south west along the track before heading north west on the bridleway across fields and through woodland to join the track passing South Fursdon Farm and reaching Fursdon Farm at SX 480 919.

From Fursdon Farm the boundary follows the route of the footpath heading west through the farm and fields to Domons House at SX 475 918. It continues to follow the route of the footpath from here before following the track heading north west to the minor road junction at SX 470 920.

From the road junction the boundary follows the minor road west past Bratton Mill before reaching the road triangle in Bratton Clovelly at SX 464 918.

From the triangle the boundary heads north along the minor road to the fork at Vouldson Cross, SX 465 931, where it bears left continuing to follow the minor road as it returns to Brockscombe Cross at SX 459 949.

ANNEX 2

Description of the boundary of the infested area

Beginning at Salt Box Cross, SX 477 949, the boundary follows the minor road north east for 170 m to the road junction where it takes the road on the right heading south east to Grindhill Cross where it meets the junction with the A3079 at SX 490 947.

From the junction the boundary follows the A3079 south east to the junction at Chester Moor Cross at SX 496 943.

The boundary bears right at the junction leaving the A3079 and heading south east on a minor road to Boasley Cross at SX 499 936.

At the cross roads, the boundary follows the minor road on the right heading south west past Brookands Farm until it reaches the junction with the track at SX 483 927.

At the junction the boundary leaves the road to follow the track to the northern boundary of the Warren at SX 482 927. It then heads west following field boundaries until it meets the small stream at SX 478 928.

The boundary then heads north following the stream to SX 478 929. From this point the boundary follows the western field boundaries in a north westerly direction between Lower Voaden and Higher Voaden until meeting another small stream at SX 475 930. The boundary continues along the line of this stream and then along the field boundary until it reaches the track to Blackbroom at SX 473 932.

The boundary crosses the track and continues north west along the field boundary until reaching another small stream at SX 473 934, it then follows this until reaching another larger stream flowing south west at SX 470 935.

The boundary crosses the larger stream to follow the line of another smaller stream and then field boundaries north west until reaching the minor road at SX 467 940.

The boundary joins the minor road at SX 467 940 and heads north east past Langworthy returning to Salt Box Cross at SX 477 949.

ANNEX 3

Map of demarcated area

