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Ref Specification of works, reasons for works based on arboricultural advice from Nathan Cantell

Specification

T.1 Oak

Re structure the tree/form into pollard at approximately 8m

This will remove approximately 8m of the height and create a new lower structure

Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. The tree has experienced a significant failure, with the rear section of the crown splitting and falling into the neighbouring garden. Approximately 40% of the crown has failed, leaving the property side of the tree exposed and weighted in one direction. The failure occurred at a major union, and the affected section needs to be made safe, which will remove an additional 10% of the crown, leaving the remaining 50% unretainable and likely to fail. The proposed works aim to ensure the tree's safety and allow the Oak to regenerate a more compact crown. A lighter reduction would not be suitable and would leave the tree in a hazardous condition. Complete removal would be unfortunate, as the tree has a good chance of recovery and can continue to thrive as a mature species within the tree line, providing valuable amenity and habitat. In my opinion, if this action is not taken, the tree is highly likely to fail.
2. The area has plenty of tree cover and therefore any loss of visual amenity will be minimal.
3. The effects of the pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
4. The location of the tree means it is exposed to significant wind stresses which could lead to branch failure. The pruning will significantly reduce the risk of limb failure.
5. The target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is the rear garden. The garden is heavily used in the Spring, Summer and Autumn months. Any failure has the potential to lead to significant damage to property and/or serious injuries.
6. Because of the position of the tree it will not be noticeable from public places. Therefore, the loss of visual amenity for the local landscape will be minimal.

Summary

The proposed works will make the tree less likely to fail and make a significant difference to Client's use of their garden and will help to prevent future conflicts between the trees and their property. The reasons 1.-6 are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.