



Sheet 2

Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

T.1 Ash

1. The location of the tree means it is exposed to significant wind stresses which are likely to lead to branch failure. The pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
2. The tree is upsetting adjacent neighbours, and it is hoped that the proposed works will help to reduce and prevent future conflict with surrounding residents.
3. The tree is beginning to dominate and whilst the residents like and enjoy the positive aspects of the tree, they do not want it to become any larger and therefore want to manage it to contain the size and spread of the tree, to prevent future problems.
4. The pruning will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines in BS3998, is therefore an appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts
5. The crown reduction will be carried out by a highly skilled arborist in accordance with the guidelines in B.S 3998 and therefore a natural crown shape will be retained. When crown reduction are carried out in this way it is very hard for a lay person to be able to see that works have been carried out and therefore the visual amenity provided by this tree will not be affected.
6. The target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is the garden and patio area. 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.
7. The tree has grown significantly since the TPO was placed on it and I don't not see it as unreasonable for the homeowners to request pruning to contain the size and spread of the tree.

T.2 Ash

1. The large limb growing to the South it likely to fail due to its overextended nature. The pruning will significantly reduce this risk of limb failing.
2. The location of the tree means it is exposed to significant wind stresses which are likely to lead to branch failure. The pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
3. The pruning will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines in BS3998, is therefore an appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts.
4. The trees vitality is good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the tree.
5. The target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is the garden and patio area. 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 the house screens the tree the branches removed will only be noticeable from one or two public places and you will have to look hard to see they are missing, therefore the loss of visual amenity for the local landscape will be minimal.

7. The tree has grown significantly since the TPO was placed on it and I don't not see it as unreasonable for the homeowners to request pruning to contain the size and spread of the tree.

Summary

The proposed works will make significant difference to Mr and Mrs Lefroy's use and enjoyment of his garden and will help to prevent future failures and conflicts between the trees and other residents.

The reasons 1.-7. are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.

The loss of visual amenity will be very minimal as the reduction will be carried out such a way that if will be very hard for a lay person to be able to see that works have been carried out.

This type of crown reduction results in the least amount of reaction growth by the tree and retains the visual amenity provided by the tree. Both these attributes are good for tree, the wider environment and its owner.