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B – Site plan with location of trees marked

There are several oak trees that are significantly overhanging the allotment site. They are protected by TPO 1449/2012.

The Ash Tree marked on B – Site plan, next to Plot 9, contains a lot of dead wood. It is understood that we can remove this under the TPO as it presents a risk to users.

The overhanging branches of the oaks are such that they may present a hazard to plotholders on the allotment site as the branches are at head/eye level. The branches also impede work on the areas of the site marked on the plan. The encroachment of the branches onto the site, as well as being hazardous to users, is not beneficial to the growth of produce on areas of the allotment plots.

Neither of the trees look particularly healthy as they are under the canopy of larger healthier specimens and are next to the busy A327 so may be suffering from the effects pollution. Growth is poor and spindly.

Following a site visit with [REDACTED] on 6 August 2025, we agreed that the overhanging branches needed some attention in order to prevent injury to plot holders and to optimise the growth potential of every plot.

[REDACTED] suggested that I submit an application to request permission to lop the overhanging branches and remove any risk to the allotment plotholders from these particular trees. Removing the limbs may give the trees an opportunity to conserve energy so they can grow more robustly going forward. It would also remove any risk from litigation for WBC.