



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

Specification

T.1 Oak

Clear Fallen limb and prune stub 16/09/2025

Crown reduce by approximately 30% of leaf area (this equates to reducing the existing crown by up to approximately 2m of the radial crown spread and up to approximately 2m of the height), see photo for approx crown outline after the reduction (pls note this image is only a rough guide), leaving tree with natural crown shape for species in line with BS3998.

Crown lift to approximately 4.5 by removing secondary growth only where possible

Remove major deadwood, ie branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

T.2 Oak

Reduce the side of the canopy facing the property by approximately 2m to maintain clearance

Crown lift to approximately 4.5m by removing secondary growth only where possible

Remove major deadwood, ie branches over 50mm at source and over 300mm in length

Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. T1 has suffered a significant failure, likely due to the obvious decay seen at the failure site and the heavy crop of acorns. This has changed the dynamic of the tree significantly and will have increased wind stress. Further to this, there are 2 further defects on the main stem and an internal crack on the limb above the failed section. We wish to reduce the canopy to aid the tree in dealing with the increased and changed wind stresses and to lessen the likelihood of failure from the other noted defects. It is likely to fail further if left.

2. The proposed works will help to prevent future conflict with the building.

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 pruning will only remove an estimated 25% of T1 5% of T2 and of the total leaf area of the tree and therefore the overall effect on the tree will be minimal.

7. The area has plenty of tree cover and therefore any loss of visual amenity will be minimal.

8. The trees vitality is good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the tree.

9. The pruning will improve the relationship between the tree and its location.

10. The effects of the pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.

11. The target area should T1 or another portion of it fail is a heavily used public footpath, front garden and the property. Any further failure has the potential to lead to significant damage to property and/or serious injuries.

12. 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.

13. The works to T2 have been granted historically and therefore should be allowed again as good management of the tree in its urban environment

Summary

The proposed works will make significant difference to Clients use and enjoyment of their garden and will help to prevent future conflicts between the trees and the property.

The reasons 1.-13. are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.