



TPO number/ref: TPO-0923-1998

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

Specification

T.1 Neighbouring Oak (C)

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

Pull out some of the dead Ivy that overhangs the rear garden

Crown lift to approximately 4.5m by removing secondary growth only where possible and removing 1 primary limb (shown in photos)

Reduce the lower and mid canopy growing towards the property by 1.5-1.75m

Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. The proposed works will help to prevent future conflict with the building.
2. 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.
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 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 effected.
5. The pruning will only remove an estimated <5% of the total leaf area of the tree and therefore the overall effect on the tree will be minimal.
6. The pruning will allow more light into the garden and property.



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

8. 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.

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

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.-9. are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.