



Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

You need to give reasons for why we should be given consent to do the works but make sure you are clear and include all relevant information

Example below

1. The TPO was only placed on the trees in 2006. It is our understanding that this was to halt plans to develop at the rear of the properties, rather than being tree specific. The owners had previously been able to prune the trees as they wish and have always looked after the trees in a responsible way to protect them. They do not wish to negatively harm the trees but the trees are beginning to dominate and intertwine, 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.
2. The trees are now extremely low and are causing a nuisance when trying to do anything or use the sheds in this part of the garden.
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 affected.
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 area has plenty of tree cover and therefore any loss of visual amenity will be minimal.
7. The trees vitally are good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the trees.
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 not see it as unreasonable for the homeowners to request pruning to contain the size and spread of the tree.

10. The trees are intertwining and starting to impede on each other, the pruning will give them a little more space

11. The works have been allowed before and should therefore be allowed again on this precedent.

Summary

The proposed works comprise a modest crown lift over the garden to improve ground and shed clearance and a minor crown reduction to the Beech on the garden side only. The extent of pruning has been carefully specified to achieve the required clearance whilst retaining the natural form, health and long-term amenity value of both trees.

The trees have grown substantially since the Tree Preservation Order was made and now exert an increasing dominance over the private garden. Low branches restrict the reasonable use and enjoyment of the garden, impede access to outbuildings, and the canopies are beginning to encroach upon and intertwine with one another. The proposed works are preventative management intended to maintain an appropriate relationship between the trees and the property, reducing the likelihood of more extensive intervention being required in the future.

The proposed pruning represents good arboricultural practice and accords with the principles of BS 3998: Tree Work – Recommendations. Only those branches necessary to achieve the stated objectives will be removed, with secondary growth retained wherever practicable. The volume of live crown to be removed is small in relation to the overall canopy and is not expected to have any material adverse effect on the physiological condition, structural integrity, longevity or visual contribution of either tree.

The works will preserve the public amenity value that justified the Tree Preservation Order whilst allowing the trees to be managed responsibly. Their natural crown form will be retained, the visual impact from public viewpoints will be negligible, and the surrounding area contains substantial tree cover such that the character of the locality will remain unchanged.

The application therefore satisfies the purpose of the Tree Preservation Order by seeking appropriate management rather than unnecessary or excessive pruning. The proposed works are reasonable, proportionate and justified on sound arboricultural grounds, balancing the continued protection of the trees with the landowner's right to reasonably use and enjoy their property.