Sheet 2
Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. The proposed works will help to prevent future conflict with the building, parking and pathways

2. The trees are beginning to dominate and whilst the residents like and enjoy the positive aspects of the trees, 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 is a appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts

4. 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.

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

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

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

8. The trees are being used as a litter dump and people are urinating under the canopies as they are dense. The epicormic growth creates a substantial security concern and also issues when trying to drive out of the drive across a cycle lane as the growth obscures the view.

9. T.3 Is sucker growth and is becoming an issue with parking, it wont every develop into a retainable tree

10. Removal of basal and epicormic growth is good management

11. The crown lifts are necessary to maintain clearance over the pathway, road and parking.

Summary
The proposed works are necessary and proportionate to prevent future conflicts between the trees, buildings, parking areas and pathways. The selective pruning, crown lifting and removal of basal and epicormic growth will improve visibility, access and security while maintaining appropriate clearance over roads and footpaths. The works will be carried out in accordance with BS3998, removing less

than 5% of the total leaf area and having minimal impact on tree health and visual amenity. Given the good vitality of the trees and the abundance of surrounding tree cover, the proposals represent responsible management that will retain the trees' benefits while improving their suitability for the location. We respectfully request that consent be granted.