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4 Lake View
Wokingham
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9th June 2020



Re: Tree at 4 Lake View

Further to my visit to the site on 4th June 2020, I am pleased to enclose a plan, a tree schedule and some photos.

There are 15 trees in the back garden, including yew, beech and hornbeam. These are of mixed quality and it is proposed that lower-quality trees are removed to allow better quality trees to develop, to open up the garden and the to allow additional new tree planting around the perimeter. Nine trees are proposed for removal including T3 a mature hornbeam, leaning over the Waterloo Road, which is showing basal decay and should be removed to reduce safety risks.

The garden has recently been soiled and turfed/seeded by the developer. Soil levels have been raised around the stems of some trees which is likely to lead to basal decay and failure. For retained trees, soil levels should, therefore, be reduced to underlying ground levels around the base of retained trees and graded up to current levels.

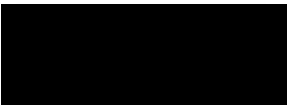
Four new trees are proposed where indicated on the plan attached. These should be 8-10cm girth, container grown, standard trees. If any fail within 5 years, they should be replaced with trees of the same species and size.

- A - Oak, *Quercus robur*
- B - Sweet gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*
- C - Birch, *Betula pendula*
- D - Wild cherry, *Prunus avium*

Since all trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order, permission must be obtained from the Local Planning Authority before any tree works are carried out. All tree works should be undertaken to the standards of BS 3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations, and undertaken by a competent contractor, preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association (www.trees.org.uk).

If you require any further information, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX A

Key

- Category U
- Category A
- Category B
- Category C
- Crown spread: retained trees
- Trees For Removal
- New Tree Planting

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JOB TITLE
4 LAKE VIEW

DRAWING TITLE
TREE SURVEY

DRAWING NUMBER
1536-01

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SCALE
1:250 at A3

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JUN 20

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Tree Schedule

Tree/ Group No.	Species	Height (m)	Stem Diam. at 1.5m (mm)	Branch Spread (m)				Canopy Clearance (m)	Age Class	Observations	Management Recommendations	Estimated Remaining Contribution (years)	BS 5837 Category Grading
				N	S	E	W						
T1	Yew	8	210	2	6	4	3	1.5	Early mature	Leaning to south. Minor dieback through out canopy. Basal bark damage.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T2	Beech	16	450	8	3.5	4	4	2	Early mature	Occasional dead branches, but good overall vigour.	Remove deadwood .	>40	A-B2
T3	Hornbeam	17.5	500	1.5	9	5	6	6	Mature	Leaning to south over road. Some dieback of upper canopy. Basal decay beginning.	Remove.	5-15	C2
T4	Hornbeam	9	200	5	4	3	3	3	Semi- mature	Bifurcates at 1.2m. Poorly developed canopy. Soil level raised around base.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T5	Hornbeam	17.5	450	3	9.5	5	3	3	Mature	Leaning to south, towards road. Canopy somewhat sparse. Basal decay extending at least 100mm from north west.	20% crown reduction, reducing height by 2m and crown spread to south by 4m, concentrating on reducing weight to south, to reduce risk of failure and extend life expectancy.	15-30	B2
T6	Yew	6.5	90	1	1	1	1	1.8	Early mature	Low vigour, with sparse canopy.	Remove.	10-20	c2
T7	Beech	17	400	4	4	6	4	3.5	Early mature	Minor deadwood, but good overall vigour.	Remove deadwood .	>40	A-B2
T8	Beech	7	110	2	3	4	0.5	2	Semi- mature	Leaning to east. Bark damage.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T9	Hornbeam	8	110	3	3	4	2	1.7	Semi- mature	Leaning to east. Soil level raised 0.2m around base.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T10	Horse chestnut	13	350	3.5	2	3	2	4	Early mature	Minor deadwood, but reasonable vigour.		20-40	B2
T11	Yew	7	280	1.5	2.5	3	3.5	1.9	Early mature	Extensive crown dieback- epicormic shoots on main stem.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T12	Yew	9.5	400	4	4	5	2	1.7	Mature	Four stems- average 200mm. Low vigour, with extensive deadwood particularly over garden of no.3.	Remove.	15-30	C2

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T13	Yew	7	320	4.5	5	3	4	1.4	Early mature	Twin stems from 150mm- 180,270mm. Showing reasonable vigour, despite soil levels increased approximately 0.2m around base.	Dish soil levels around base. Remove deadwood. Remove low hanging damaged branches to provide 1.7m ground clearance.	20-40	B2
T14	Yew	7.5	300	6	6	3	3	1.5	Early mature	Slight lean to south west. Minor dieback throughout canopy. Broken branches. Epicormic shoots to main stem. Soil levels raised approximately 0.3m around base.	Remove.	10-20	C2
T15	Beech	10	230	3	5	5	4	3.5	Semi- mature	Basal bark damage. Low broken branches. Minor dieback at branch extremities.	Remove broken branches.	>40	B2
BS 5837 Tree Quality Category: A- High, B-Moderate, C-Low, U-Unsuitable for retention													

