



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

Specification

T.2 Holm Oak

Crown lift to approximately 5.3 over the road by removing secondary growth only where possible

Crown lift to approximately 4m on the garden side by removing secondary growth only where possible

Reduce the two over extended sections by approximately 1m to lessen end weight

T.3 Western Red Cedar (This may not be covered by the TPO)

Reduce in height by approximately 3m

Reduce away from the property to give 2.5m clearance

Crown lift to approximately 3.5m by removing secondary growth only where possible

T.4 Tulip Tree

Crown lift to approximately 5.3m 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. The proposed works to T2 and T4 are to maintain statutory clearances over the highway. The end weight reduction to T2 is to lessen end weight and therefore the increasing potential for a failure into the carriageway
2. The proposed works to T3 will help to prevent future conflict with the building.
3. T3 is very close to the property and 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 a appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts
5. The crown reduction to T2 and T3 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 is 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 <5% of T2+4 and approximately 25% the total leaf area of the trees and therefore the overall effect on the tree will be minimal.

7. The pruning will allow more light into the garden and property.

8. The trees in question have good vitality 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 of T2 should a portion of it fail is a main carriageway. Any failure has the potential to lead to significant damage to property and/or serious injuries.

12. Because the house screens T3 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 trees have 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.

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 and road.

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.