



Client: Georgina Kelly
Site Address: 15 Dark Lane, Wargrave, RG10 8JU
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Tree Work Plan Proposal

I. Author Qualifications & Experience:

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Tree Work Plan Proposal – T01 Copper Beech

Site: 15 Dark Lane, Wargrave, RG10 8JU

Tree Reference: T01 – Mature Copper Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea')

Protection Status: Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – statutory consent required prior to works

TPO Number: 110B/1976

1. Objectives of Proposed Works

The objective of the proposed tree works is to reduce mechanical loading at key structural unions, manage identified defects, and improve crown balance while retaining the tree's natural form and amenity value. All works are preventative risk management based on the findings of the visual tree assessment.

2. Scope of Proposed Works

A. Selective Crown Reduction and Thinning – Upper Lead Stems

Undertake a selective crown thinning and reduction of approximately 1–2 metres on the identified co-dominant lead stems where elephant ear formation is present. Works will include:

- Removal of selected secondary and tertiary branches to reduce sail effect
- Light end-weight reduction of extended limbs
- Retention of a natural crown outline and balanced canopy structure

This will reduce mechanical stress at potentially weakened stem unions and improve airflow through the canopy.

B. Reduction of Lowest Eastward Primary Limb

Reduce the length and end-weight of the lowest eastward-extending primary limb to lessen mechanical loading at the union where a historic pruning wound and cavity are present. Reduction cuts will be made to suitable growth points to encourage healthy regrowth and maintain structural integrity.

C. Crown Reduction – Garden and Eastern Aspects

Reduce the limbs extending on the northern side towards the swimming pool area by approximately 2 metres to rebalance the crown. In addition, reduce the limbs on the eastern side of the tree by approximately 2 metres, aligning them with the upper canopy to create a more even and symmetrical crown structure throughout.

D. General Crown Management

- Remove minor deadwood where encountered during climbing works
- Retain the tree's natural shape and aesthetic value
- Avoid unnecessary removal of live growth

3. Work Methodology

All works will be undertaken using rope and harness climbing techniques or MEWP access where appropriate. Operations will:

- Comply with BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work: Recommendations
- Be carried out by qualified and insured arborists
- Use clean, sharp tools to minimise wounding
- Follow safe rigging practices where required to protect surrounding property

Arisings will be removed from site unless otherwise requested by the client.

4. Environmental and Site Considerations

Care will be taken to protect surrounding garden features, boundary fencing, and adjacent structures. Wildlife checks will be undertaken prior to works, and any evidence of nesting birds or protected species will result in works being postponed in accordance with wildlife legislation.

5. Post-Work Monitoring

Following completion of the recommended works, the tree should be re-inspected within approximately 18 months to monitor the condition of the identified unions and cavity and to assess the effectiveness of the management strategy.

6. Summary

The proposed works represent proportionate, preventative tree management intended to maintain the long-term safety, health, and amenity value of T01. The tree is currently assessed as presenting a low level of risk, subject to the recommended management being undertaken.

All works are subject to formal approval under the Tree Preservation Order.

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