

Description of Proposed Tree Works

Tree Reference: T1 (Oak Tree) — TPO Number 752/1995

Proposed Work: Crown lift the lower canopy by approximately 1.5m to 2.0m to achieve a definitive finished ground clearance of 5.5m over the domestic driveway and the adjacent public highway. Work will involve the selective removal of low-slung secondary lateral branches only, ensuring the main structural integrity and natural form of the tree are preserved in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010.

Reasons for Work (Grounds for Application)

Grounds: The work is requested on urgent practical and safety grounds to restore essential vehicular access to the property's driveway and ensure statutory clearance over the public highway. The applicant (me) does not own the tree but has discussed the work with my neighbour who is happy for me to apply for permission and schedule the works.

Justification & Evidence:

1. **Access Obstruction:** The lowest point of the canopy currently sits at just 2.2m above the driveway surface. This low clearance makes it physically impossible to safely maneuver a standard domestic caravan (which requires a clearance height greater than 2.5m) off the driveway without striking the tree and risking structural damage to both the vehicle and the lower branches.
2. **Highway Safety:** The tree directly overshades the adjacent road. Raising the canopy to a finished height of 5.5m aligns with standard UK Highways safety requirements for high-sided vehicles, mitigating the risk of accidental vehicle impact.
3. **Submitted Evidence:** To allow verification of these facts, supporting photographs have been attached showing the measured 2.2m restriction relative to the driveway, alongside a basic site sketch plan marking the location of T1.