

We have consulted a tree surgeon (Hazelwood Tree Care) who has examined the tree and given the assessment below.

All residents of the court (5 households) are keen to have the tree seen to before it damages property or vehicles underneath.

Hazlewood Tree Care assessment:

Work requested

1. **Canopy reduction:** Reduce the canopy of the mature beech tree by 30% to maintain its natural shape and promote healthy growth
2. **Canopy raising:** Raise the canopy by 3 meters (i.e. up to level of house eaves) to provide clearance for vehicles
3. **Deadwood removal:** Remove all deadwood throughout the canopy to improve the tree's health and safety

Methodology

All work to be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations

Additional comments

The tree surgeon commented that the tree was notably shallow rooted and was showing signs on the bark of some disease which could make it more prone to losing large branches or even falling. Given the tree's proximity to houses and the frequency that people walk under the tree, this is quite a safety risk so we are very keen to reduce the wind loading on the tree. The canopy reduction and deadwood removal are therefore particularly important.