



Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. These works have mostly been permitted and carried out before and therefore should be allowed again following this precedent.
2. The trees are causing acorn drop, which is poisoning the animals and causing stress to adjacent neighbours, and it is hoped that the proposed works will help to reduce and prevent future conflict with surrounding residents.
3. The trees dominate the garden and whilst the residents like and enjoy the positive aspects of the trees, 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 an appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts
5. The crown reduction 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 are 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 area has plenty of tree cover and therefore any loss of visual amenity will be minimal.
7. The trees vitally are good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the tree.
8. The target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is the garden and patio area. The garden is heavily used in the Spring, Summer and Autumn months. Any failure has the potential to lead to significant damage to property and/or serious injuries.
9. The tree has 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.
10. The trees to be removed are small specimens, T3 and T4 are small species that have developed close to the fence and will become an issue in the future as they try to grow out from the main canopies of the bigger trees. T5 is a dying Hawthorn and T.6 is a Sycamore that is growing very close to utility lines and the main road. None of these trees provide any meaningful amenity value



## Summary

The proposed tree works are considered reasonable and justified, particularly as similar works have been permitted and undertaken previously, establishing a clear precedent. The trees have grown substantially since the Tree Preservation Order was imposed and now dominate the garden, leading to concerns including acorn drop affecting animals, impacts on neighbouring properties, and potential future conflicts with residents. The homeowners wish to retain and enjoy the trees while managing their size and spread to prevent further issues. All pruning and crown reduction works will be undertaken by a qualified arborist in accordance with BS3998, ensuring that the trees retain their natural form, vitality, and visual amenity. Given the abundance of tree cover in the surrounding area, any minor reduction in amenity value will be negligible. The trees are in good physiological condition and are expected to tolerate the proposed works without significant detriment. Furthermore, the trees overhang a heavily used garden and patio area, creating a target zone where branch or tree failure could result in property damage or personal injury. The removal of the smaller trees is also justified, as they provide limited amenity value, are either in poor condition or poorly positioned, and are likely to create future management issues due to their proximity to larger trees, boundaries, utility lines, and the highway.

The reasons 1.-10. are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.