



Lever TPO application to RBC

Ref Specification of works, reasons for works based on arboricultural advice from Neil Wilson

Specification

T.1 Oak

Remove 8 branches from lower canopy over the garden, see photo.

Crown lift remaining canopy to 5.5m over garden by removing secondary growth.

Reasons for works

- The tree dominates the garden and whilst the residents like and enjoy the positive aspects of the tree, they do not want it to regain some of their garden back and therefore want to manage it to contain the size and spread of the tree, to prevent future problems.
- The pruning will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines in BS3998 and is therefore is a recognised pruning technique.
- The pruning will only remove an estimated 15% of the total leaf area of the tree and therefore the overall effect on the tree will be minimal.
- The pruning will allow more light into the garden and property.
- The area has plenty of tree cover and therefore any loss of visual amenity will be minimal.
- Because the house screens 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.
- The tree's vitality is good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the tree.
- The pruning will improve the relationship between the tree and its location.
- The effects of the pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
- The tree has grown significantly since the TPO was placed on it and I don't not see it as unreasonable for the home owners to request pruning to contain the size and spread of the tree.
- The wood chipping from the removed branches will be spread out under the tree to aid the tree's recovery and future health.

Summary

The proposed works will make significant difference to and enhance the living conditions for the residents, contain the size of the tree, rectify the worries the trees unchecked growth is causing. This will far out way the any loss of visual amenity, in my opinion it will be hard for most people to notice the visual difference to this tree after the pruning.

Associated documents

1. Location Plan
2. Photo 1
3. Photo 2
4. Photo 3
5. Photo 4