



TPO number 178/07

Ref Specification of works, reasons for works based on arboricultural advice from Nathan Cantell

Specification

T.4 Atlas Cedar

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T.5 Atlas Cedar

Crown reduce the top only by approximately 15% of leaf area, this equates to reducing the existing crown by up to approximately 1.25m of the height), see photo for approx. crown outline after the reduction (pls note this image is only a rough guide), leaving tree with natural crown shape for species in line with BS3998.

Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. 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
2. 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 is 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.
3. 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.
4. The trees vitality is good and therefore the pruning will not have a significant detrimental effect to overall condition of the tree.
5. The effects of the pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
6. The location of the tree means it is exposed to significant wind stresses which could lead to branch failure. The pruning will significantly reduce the risk of limb failure.



7. The target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is the rear garden. 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.

8. Because of the species and size of the trees they have already lost branches from the top of the canopy, the purpose of the pruning is to lessen the chances of a significant branch failure that would be detrimental to the tree.

Summary

The proposed works will make significant difference to Clients use and enjoyment of their garden and will help to prevent future conflicts between the trees and the property.

The reasons 1.-8. are all credible reasons, to justify the works, in their own right and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.