



Reasons for the proposed works are listed and numbered below

1. The large limb growing to the East is likely to fail due to the detected defect (possibly Massaria, but clear signs of delaminating and decaying bark.) The pruning will significantly reduce this risk of limb failing.
2. The location of the tree means it is exposed to significant wind stresses which are likely to lead to branch failure. The pruning will have a positive long-term impact upon the sustainability of the tree.
3. The pruning will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines in BS3998, is therefore a appropriate recognised pruning technique and should be allowed to be carried on to all trees to alleviate problems and conflicts
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 target area should the tree or a portion of it fail is a school playground and a car park. Any failure has the potential to lead to significant damage to property and/or serious injuries.
6. Because of the size of the tree the branch removed will only be noticeable from one or two public places and you will have to look hard to see it is missing, therefore the loss of visual amenity for the local landscape will be minimal.

Summary

The proposed works will ensure that this limb does not fail into the playground.

The reasons 1.-6. are all credible reasons, to justify the works and all far out way the any loss of any visual amenity.