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Rationale in support of the proposed tree work at 7 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4HF

Tree designation: T6 on TPO map

Species: Poplar (*Populus sp.*)

Approximate height: 20m

Diameter at breast height: approximately 145cm

Life stage: Over mature

Findings:

- As a whole, the tree leans North east.
- Open cavity on south west side of base approx. 70 cm deep with mostly well defined edge, 30cm wide 20cm high aperture.
- Main tensile root on South West side historically severed.
- South West quadrant of base swollen
- Vertical line in bark on west side, pillars of reactive growth, possible audible defect around.
- Holes typical of Wood wasps evident around base
- Customer says fungal growth present around base but no evidence at the time of visit.
- Slight audible defects across south side of base at buttress recesses.
- Vertical Audible defect on east side up to approximately 0.7m above ground level.

- Snapped branch hanging in lower crown south side
- Snapped branch hanging in mid crown south side
- Multiple large historic snap outs
- Extensive major deadwood throughout
- Some dead branches in upper and outer canopy suggest sub normal vitality
- Significantly extended limbs on North West, North and East sides over adjacent properties

Recommendations

In its current state this tree is overall in a poor state and presents a significant potential hazard. As such we recommend monolithing to main fork to retain habitat value and replacing (several fruit trees have been recently planted in the rear garden so the owner would like these to be considered for a possible exemption from the replanting condition).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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