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28th September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Whitehill Hall, Chester Le Street, Co Durham, DH2 2NF

Arboricultural statement

The following arboricultural statement makes management recommendation for trees at the above property.

- 1. Ash prune back the overhanging branches growing towards the property by 4m This work is requested for health and safety reasons to remove problematic branches from the property
- 2. Yew, Rhododendron and Purple Plum prune back from the property by 2-3m This work is requested for health and safety reasons to remove problematic branches from the property
- 3. Plum crown reduce and reshape by 3-4m
- 4. Apple crown reduce and reshape by 0.5m This work is requested for cosmetic reasons to maintain the tree at an appropriate height and size for the garden
- 5. Holly trim to tidy and shape This work is requested for cosmetic reasons to maintain the tree at an appropriate height and size for the garden
- 6. Willow crown reduce and reshape by 3m This work is requested for cosmetic reasons to maintain the tree at an appropriate height and size for the garden
- 8. Ash and Sycamore prune back the overhanging branches from the adjacent garden by 3-4m

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Crown clearance



Crown clearance is the pruning back or the removal of branches that are encroaching towards an object such as a building/structure/lawn by a given amount. Good practice dictates crown lifting should not normally include the removal of large branches growing directly from the trunk as this can cause large wounds which can become extensively decayed leading to further long term problems or more short term instability. Crown clearance should be specified with reference to a fixed point, e.g. 'crown clear or prune back by 4m'.

Crown reduction



The reduction in height and/or spread of the crown (the foliage bearing portions) of a trees. Crown reduction may be used to activate mechanical stress on individual branches or the whole tree, make the tree more suited to its immediate environment or to reduce the effects of shading and light loss, etc. The final result should retain the main framework of the crown, and so a significant proportion of the leaf bearing structure and leave a similar, although smaller outline, and not necessarily achieve symmetry for its own sake. Crown reduction cuts should be as small as possible and in general not exceed 100mm diameter unless there is an over-riding need to do so. Reductions should be specified by actual measurements, where possible, and reflect the finished result, but may also refer to lengths of parts to be removed to aid clarity, e.g. 'crown reduce in height by 2.0m and lateral spread by 1.0m, all round, to finished crown dimensions of 18m in height by 11m in spread (all measurements approximate.)'. Not all species are suitable for this treatment and crown reduction should not be confused with 'topping', an indiscriminate and harmful treatment.

All tree work is to be undertaken in accordance with good Arboricultural practice.

I trust that you find the above satisfactory and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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