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### Arboricultural statement

The following arboricultural statement makes recommendations for tree work at the above property.

### T3. Ash

This tree has a height of approximately 19m and a diameter at breast height of 92cm. It is mature and located at the rear of the garden.

There is a large cavity at the lowest main union at 4.5m – the entire upper tree connected at this point. Inspection of the cavity showed it extended 30cm into the tree stem with some soft rot present beyond this. An old fungal fruiting body was found at this point but it was unidentifiable due to age.

It had a broad and large canopy – due to the cavity present we recommend the crown of the tree is heavily reduced to lesson wind forces on the tree and the condition monitored annually.

If fresh fungus is found on the tree or any further signs of decline noted further advice should be sought.



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**Work required**

Reduce height by 2.5m and reduce sides by upto 3.5m to lesson the chance of limb/stem failure. Remove major deadwood.

Monitor condition annually

**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.

We aim to maintain excellent customer service and would value any comment or suggestion on the services we provide.

Please send any comments or suggestions to [info@oliverstreeservices.co.uk](mailto:info@oliverstreeservices.co.uk)

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

Yours sincerely



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