

## Proposed Tree Work – Conservation area

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### Background

As Humphreys close itself is a private close, we were assigned in our land registry deeds the green strip down the right hand side of the close as you look from the main road. Whilst we pay to maintain the native hedging along this length as it was planted by us we have not touched the trees labelled on the plan below since we moved here 18 years ago.

These trees have grown far beyond their original size and are now not only hanging over our side but also the neighbours garden in Number 87 (Leafy Oaks). We have spoken to them and they are supportive of this request to tidy them up.

Note: We have not yet consulted a tree surgeon on these proposals so would be led by them on the exact places to cut etc



(Figure 1: Plan of impacted area)

### Tree Detail

The tree closest to the close entrance labelled (1) we believe to be the same as the fourth one in a goat willow. This is very large right at the entrance and blocks the view turning out but also light from the nearby flats. It has also damaged the neighbouring fence as its grown too large at the base. We would propose to take this one back as highlighted with the orange arc

See below picture (Figure 2)



(Figure 2)

The next tree labelled (2) we believe to be some sort of Cherry (has blossom in the spring). The crown on this tree has grown too big and touches the neighbour's house over the fence. Our proposal with this is to thin the crown back and shape the tree better. I would estimate about 30% from the lower branches and less 10-15% on the upper ones to reshape into more of an oval.

See picture below (Figure 3)



(Figure 3)

The next tree (labelled 3) we believe to be a Damson tree which has multiple trunks and is very large overhanging the parked cars and the boundary fence. Our proposal with this is to remove it completely. See following picture (Figure 4)



(Figure 4)

Tree labelled (4) we believe to be the same as the first one, a goat willow. This is very large and has been badly maintained prior to us moving so the tree has erratic growth and the tree is not balanced.

I believe this would be best taken back, the branches with orange stars completely removed and the top sections taken back by 30-40% to create an oval shape as indicated by the orange arc. As these trees grow very fast taking more shouldn't be an issue to the tree. The below picture (Figure 5) shows this tree head on.

The following picture is the side view along the boundary where you can again see how much this hangs over the parking space and the boundary fence. These trees also emit sap during the spring/summer months which damages the paintwork on the cars parked underneath.



(Figure 5)

The further picture below (Figure 6) shows this same tree as it looks along the boundary including the overhang across the car parking spaces highlighted in orange



(Figure 6)

The set of 5 cypress trees labelled (5) on the drawing are right on the boundary line and touch our garage and have damaged the gutter and deposit dead material in there blocking the gutter and downpipes. Three of them are tall as can be seen from the picture in Figure xxx below, highlighted by the orange circle but the back two are much smaller, one of these is already dead apart from the top third. See below picture Figure 7 and 8

The proposal if possible would be to remove at minimum the three smaller ones and take the tops out of the two large ones to reduce them by a third. Second option would be to remove all five completely and replace with a native hedge



(Figure 7)



(Figure 8)