

Request for tree works – TPO CYC155-T5

Please may I request permission for work to be undertaken on the Lime tree in the rear garden of my property, 5 High Garth, Earswick, York, with the preservation order number TPO CYC155-T5.

I would like permission to either:

1. Remove the tree completely,

OR, if declined,

2. Significantly reduce the crown.

This large lime tree is situated in my back garden, its trunk just a mere 6 metres away from the southern aspect of my house. The tree has grown significantly over the last few years, and now towers above the apex roof line of the house. The outward spread of the crown has also significantly increased and laterally now extends:

- To the west, right out to the boundary line between 5 High Garth and the adjacent property, 2 The Village (Corner Garth)
- To the South, extending across the path and centre line of The Village road, posing a hazard to passing high sided vehicles.
- To the North, to within 1.5 metres of the south facing aspect of my house (5 High Garth)
- To the East, the crown now completely envelops the telephone cable which extends from the telegraph pole on Strensall Road to the house opposite, 141 Strensall Road. The weight of the crown is pushing down upon the telephone cable, clearly kinking and stretching it and when viewed from the bus stop opposite on Strensall Road, this can clearly be seen. It is only a matter of time before the cable ultimately snaps.

Unfortunately, the tree has no amenity value. The garden in which it is sited is far too small to accommodate any sort of tree, especially one of this size. There is excessive shading during the summer months and indeed, the tree blocks virtually all of the sun/light entering the rear garden. In addition, all of the south-facing rooms within the house appear dark because of the large tree canopy. I am also concerned how far the roots will be extending as the tree grows. Whilst we have not experienced any structural issues to date, the potential for this happening in the future does concern me.

Please understand, I do not take lightly the magnitude of the request to fell this tree and I fully understand the environmental impact of such a request. However, the reality is that the rear garden is just too small for such a tree of this size and, going forwards, will require continual crown thinning, lifting and reducing.

If the tree is felled I understand there may be a requirement to re-plant. In this case however, I believe this to be unfeasible. As already stated, the rear garden is just too small to accommodate any tree of any size, and will always ultimately outgrow this location.

With all this in mind, I therefore politely request your consideration to fell this tree.

Yours faithfully



David Warren