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Hi Richard

I have numbered the plan you sent me of the protected trees - see attachment. It has been a bit difficult to identify the tree type as I am not a tree expert and with it being autumn most of the leaves have fallen. Note I have not had room to add a T to the numbers on the plan. With the exception of T7 (location only shown) I believe the labelled trees are oak (based on the leaves), and I believe it is these oak trees that may be subject to a Tree Protection Order (TPO).

I believe T7 to be a beech tree, basing that view on the leaf type and historic records mentioning boundary beech trees on a previous application. I am therefore not sure if the tree is itself subject to a TPO. From my point of view the type of tree does not affect my request for approval of this work.

The first action I am requesting is to T7. This is to remove the large overhanging branch growing at low angle at approx 3 metres as shown on photographs, together with mass of light branches and overgrowth and sucker growth visible in photographs linked to that large branch, up to the now broken fence. The reason I wish to take this action is to prevent further damage to the fence, and to allow safe access to this part of my garden. The connected tree appears to be on the boundary so I am not sure if it is technically next door or not. However, I do not propose to do anything with the tree or branches beyond the fence and next door. Photographs A to C show the impact and I think danger of this large branch and low hanging light branch overhang, and difficulty of accessing this part of my garden because of it.

I do not believe this uncontrolled growth to be a natural and long-standing feature of the tree or garden, and is unfortunately due to a result of a lack of management by the late previous owners. I can also supply if needed historical photos of the house from 50 years ago that show this overgrowth has only happened since then.

The second action I request is the removal of the large dead branch on T4, on photograph D, which is about 6 metres up, and is an oak tree. I suspect this may have been damaged in a storm, but is clearly dangerous to anyone under it should it fall as it lies within the garden.

I would also request the removal of any dangerous deadwood on T5 and T6, up to a height of 6 metres.

Finally I request permission to remove similar dead branches and low hanging light branches to a height of 6 metres on T2 - an oak tree (see photograph E), up to the boundary

fence. The main trunk of which is in my neighbour's property. The overhanging branch is about 3 metres up but it is difficult to identify the individual thin branches. The reason is to remove risk of injury and damage, and to allow greater access to this part of my garden.

I have also enclosed a photo of a previous planning application with regards to the trees, which I am happy for you to refer to.

I apologise about the quality of the photographs but I am not an expert with technology.

Please let me know of any further information/more photographs that will help you consider my request.

I am also happy to accommodate any visit to view the trees/issues by a qualified council official.

You have also mentioned the possible need to amend the planning application to reflect the details I have described. Please clarify how this should be amended.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Thanks

David Rankin







