

APPLICATION FOR TREE WORKS – 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

ST OSWALD'S GATE, 13 MAIN STREET, FULFORD, YORK, YO10 4HJ

SUPPLEMENTARY PAGE RE Q7 – IDENTIFICATION OF TREES AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

This application relates to 8 trees which we wish to trim. There are no relevant TPOs in effect; this application is being made solely because the trees are situated in a conservation area. All the trees are in the garden at the back of our house. The sketch on the next page shows the position of the trees and the garden, which contains several trees surrounding flower beds and a large lawn, in relation to the house.

We moved to St Oswald's Gate in July 2013. The previous occupants informed us that successful applications had been made in the past to trim some of the trees in the garden and we subsequently have carried out similar work on the garden, all of which has gone well in all respects. The work completed to date includes the trimming of 3 trees in 2013 (see application 13/02571/TCA), the removal of 3 old conifer trees in 2014 (see application 14/1896/TCA) and the trimming of 4 trees in 2018 (see application 18/00117/TCA). All work done has been successful in strengthening the trees, enhancing the growth of other neighbouring trees and making the garden more attractive overall. All this work was performed by Peter and Toby Davidson, gardening contractors based in Tadcaster, who have significant experience of cutting and trimming trees in York. They have provided advice on the actions proposed in this application, and they have agreed to perform the proposed work, should the appropriate permissions be obtained.

The work proposed is designed:

- to prevent restricted growth for any trees and shrubs that are dominated by larger trees.
- to improve the health and to maximise the growth prospects of all the trees in the garden.
- to eliminate any adverse impact on occupants of adjacent buildings.
- to prevent all trees from touching or overhanging our house.
- to further enhance the attractiveness of the garden.

Further details relating to the trees are set out below:

A – This is a large silver birch tree which grows rapidly and some of whose branches are, once again, close to touching the upper floor of our house, despite it being trimmed back several times before our purchase of the house, and then again in 2013 and in 2018. As in previous years, I am applying for consent to trim the tree by 30%, through crown thinning and reduction.

B, C and D – These are smaller trees (diameters are 6", 9" and 15" respectively), all of which are encroaching on the adjacent building and in particular the roof and skylights. Trees B and C are holly trees; D is a conifer. As in 2018, I am requesting permission to reduce the height of the holly trees to below the adjacent building's roof line and to trim back the conifer's overflow into the adjacent building's grounds.

E – This is an attractive, large, mature willow tree, which dominates the east side of the garden, and which grows by approximately 10 feet per year. I regularly trim the branches to prevent them touching the ground and to support grass growing in the shadow of the tree. Some of the branches are again growing over the wall between our property and the neighbouring property. I am proposing that the tree is trimmed by 30%, mainly through crown lifting.

F – This is a cherry tree that has recovered very well following the 2014 removal of a conifer tree which had grown through it and had significantly hampered its growth. I propose a 30% trim, through crown thinning and reduction.

G – This is an attractive magnolia tree which has grown significantly in the last 5 years, and would benefit from a 20% trim, through crown thinning and reduction.

H – This is an attractive flowering tulip tree which has again grown significantly in the last 5 years, and would benefit from a 30% trim, through crown thinning and reduction.

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PARKING AREA

F

E

G

D

C

H

B

A

FULFORD CHURCH

HOUSE

FRONT GARDEN

WESLINGTON LANE

BACK GARDEN OF ST OSWALD'S DATE, 13 MAIN STREET
- SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF TREES TO WHICH THIS APPLICATION APPLIES.

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