

Document Reference: YTL Description-Reasons Rev A

Following the non-objection from Hart DC, some 4 or 5 years ago, we employed a tree surgeon to remove branches from trees overhanging our garden. The trees were outside our boundary on The Barracks' land and the work was done with the agreement of the landowner.

The tree causing the most difficulty was an oak overhanging our Bramley apple tree, which had been growing horizontally beneath the oak towards the light. Our boundary and the rear of the house face southeast. The oak is part of a tightly spaced group of trees close to the boundary fence. Due to competition for light the trees are all quite 'leggy' and the oak in question can only grow towards us and over the apple tree.

Our tree surgeon removed as much of the overhang as he could. Beyond which he said 'it wouldn't be a tree' and that felling was the only answer. We had not proposed felling to Hart, so no more work was carried out at that time.

In 2021, we proposed, with the agreement of the present owner, the felling of the tree and submitted application 21/02666/CA. Following a site visit by your tree officer, Hart issued a 'Non-Objection' dated 11 November 2021.

Unfortunately, due to being let down on numerous occasions by our tree surgeon over a long period, the work did not proceed. We have a replacement lined up, but he is unable to complete the work by 21 November 2023. We are therefore resubmitting the original application as required. Nothing has changed since then (other than the problem being exacerbated by tree growth), so the reason for the work described is unchanged and the owner of the Barracks is still agreeable to the proposals.

I have resubmitted the plan and photos used for the previous application. The photos are therefore 2 years out of date, as far as tree growth is concerned, but still illustrate the point.

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