

Reasons for proposed tree work at 8 Uplands, Croxley Green, Herts, WD3 4RD

It is proposed to remove and replace one Ash and one Horse Chestnut (T1 & T2 on sketch plan) and to prune one Holly hedge (H3) to 3m. See also the supporting photos.

- The Ash T1 has been badly pruned (lopped and topped) in the past and now has poor form. It is an unattractive tree that detracts from the amenity and arboreal character of the local area. Furthermore, the re-growth will be weakly attached and prone to failure in the future. The tree regularly sheds dead limbs and is likely to be affected by Ash die-back in the near future.
- The Horse Chestnut T2 was once triple-stemmed, but two large stems were removed in the past. This has left two decaying wounds that, when probed with a long screw driver, were found to contain soft wood with very little resistance. This suggests that decay is forming at the very base of the tree and there may be a column of decay developing within the stem above it. The tree has been affected by bleeding canker in the past and the crown has low vigour and contains deadwood (mainly within the upper rear section). The tree is bound to also be afflicted with Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner, which will be contributing to the tree's slow (but clear) decline.
- The Holly hedge (H3) has grown significantly since its last trim and is being re-trimmed to contain its size and allow more light into the garden.

Mitigation planting:

- It is proposed to plant two new standard-sized trees within the rear garden (a Silver Birch and a Rowan) to mitigate.