

111 THE MALL TREE FELLING APPLICATION

Property: 111 The Mall, SN1 4JE

Unique property Ref (UPRN) is 100 121 159 851

SUMMARY:

This is an application to fell the canopy and trunk of three trees here called Trees 1, 2, and 3 with trunk diameter greater than 7.5cm when measured 1.5m above the ground in the garden of 111 The Mall. The reason for the felling is that the roots of the trees have caused the perimeter wall of the garden to bulge outwards and risk the wall collapsing out on to the pavement. After felling the trees the wall will be rebuilt. The property is in the Town Gardens Conservation Area.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM:

Figure 1 shows the perimeter wall from across The Mall from the entrance to the garage drive at the left. This is point B on Map 1. The right-hand end of the wall is where the sand-coloured bricks terminate against the red brick wall of 66 Westlecot Road. This is point A on Map 1. The main bulge in the wall aligns with the roots of the large conifer (cedar?) to the left of this point -Tree 1 shown in Figure 2. Figure 3 shows the problem with the existing wall. In the foreground is the vertical red brick wall of the neighbouring property and the bulge in the wall can clearly be seen in the wall to the left of this with a displacement at the top of about 10cms towards the pavement.

The three trees for which felling is requested are:

Tree 1 (cedar?):

This is a large conifer – possibly cedar – and is the tallest tree in the garden. It is shown in Figures 2, 4, and 5 and the trunk is positioned about 3-3.5m north along the perimeter wall from point A in Map 1.

It is about 8-10m high to the top of the canopy, with trunk diameter 43cms and about 40cms from the wall with branches overhanging above the pavement. The reason for felling is that it is behind the main bulge in the wall and it is assumed that it's roots are responsible for the wall displacement.

Tree 2 (laurel?):

This is a large bush about 5-5.5m north along the perimeter wall from point A on Map 1 and is shown in Figures 4 and 5.

It is about 2m high to the top of the canopy with some of the trunks up to 15-20cms in diameter 1.5m above the ground. The nearest trunk to the wall is only 15cms away and the branches press on to the wall. Here the bulge in the wall is less pronounced than close to Tree 1 but the coping stones on top of the wall have been disturbed.

Tree 3 (cherry plum):

This is about 5m south along the perimeter wall from point B on Map 1 which is the southernmost edge of the gate to the drive.

It is about 3m high to the top of the canopy with a maximum trunk diameter of 20cms and is about 50cms from the wall with branches overhanging. Here the wall does not seem disturbed but felling is proposed as a precaution.

PROPOSED NEW WALL:

Once the trees have been felled the wall will be replaced to the same height as now prevails either in a close match to the existing material or in red brick to match that of my neighbour at the right-hand side in Figures 1 & 2. The choice is a preference but not meant as a requirement for this application.

It is planned that the felled trees will be replaced but with smaller and potentially less disruptive trees / bushes.

An early decision is requested in case there is further outward movement on the wall. An on-site inspection would be welcome.

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Attachments:

Map 1: 111 The Mall Tree Felling Plan

Figure 1: View of 111 The Mall from across the road

Figure 2: View of 111 The Mall from across the road with trees to be felled

Figure 3: Displacement of wall from tree roots

Figure 4: Trees 1 and 2 to be felled

Figure 5: Close-up of trees 1 and 2

Figure 6: Tree 3