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Tree Report

Dear Mrs. Turner
Further to your request I have made an inspection of a large Monterey Pine located in your garden. My findings and observations are as follows:

Location
West boundary of garden on the south side of 5, The Orchard, Manor Way, Aldwick.

Tree
Pinus radiata. Monterey or Radiata Pine

Dimensions

Girth	3360mm	Overall height	19metres
Main trunk	9 metres	Height of crown	5 metres
Spread oa	18 metres	Distance to nearest property	10 metres

Inspection
The tree was inspected from ground level. This is a large tree with an upright and clear trunk. It has a large and vigorous canopy with average amounts of dead-wood. There was no evidence of ground heave and a visual inspection of the main trunk revealed nothing of immediate concern.

There is evidence of the start of stress fractures in some of the higher branches. It is understood that this is the last remaining tree of a line of similar trees which have all suffered storm throw in the past. It is now evident that this remaining tree has lost the mutual protection from its former position within the row.

The large spread of the tree is noted. The trunk is some 4.2 metres from the boundary fence and approximately 10 metres from the main structure of the adjacent property, 11 Hunters Close. The drip line of the canopy spread would appear to be very close to this adjacent building.

Discussion
Many of the Radiata Pine in and around Aldwick were planted in the first half of the last century as shelter-belt trees around fields. It is fair to say that many of them are now in decline and it is not unusual for this species to shed limbs when they achieve a large seize or to fail completely under high wind coupled with water saturated ground conditions. Regretably such conditions appear to be more frequent in recent years.

I am informed by Mrs O'Kelly of 11 Hunters Close that she is worried by the tree and especially so during periods of high wind.

Conclusion
In view of the close proximity of the tree to the adjacent property, and the large sail area that is now presented, I find that I am unable to vouch for the integrity of the tree.

It is my experience that Radiata Pine are not good subjects for reduction.

Having considered all the above points I conclude that severe consideration be given to fell this tree. It should be replaced with a more appropriate tree in a less threatening location.

Yours sincerely

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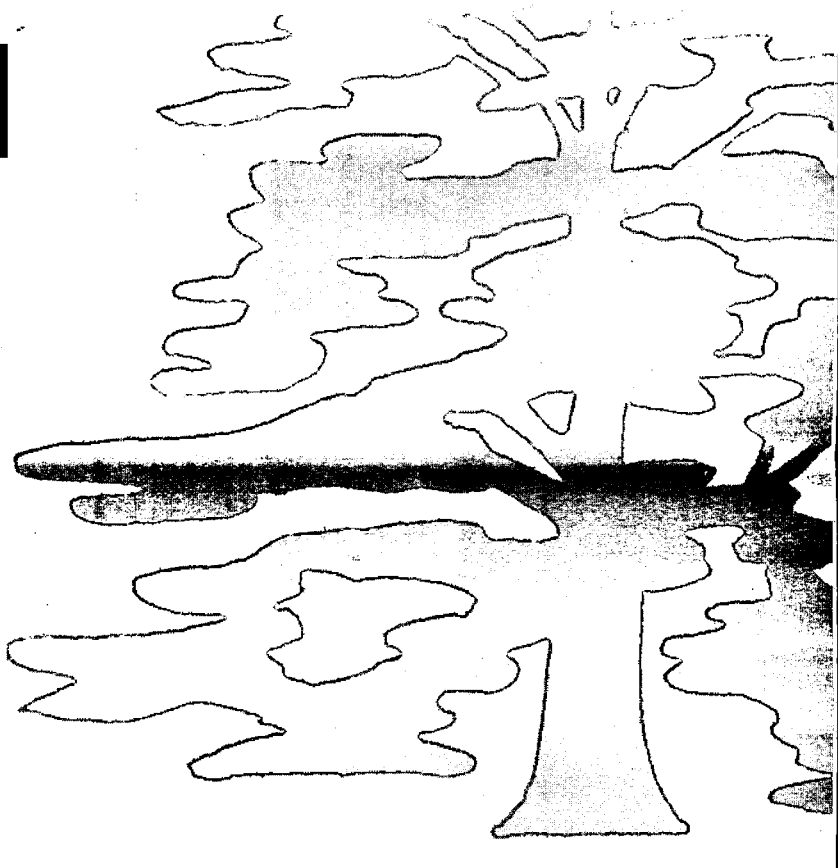
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