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Tree Survey:

Arboricultural Report in Support of Proposed Tree Works

Site

Tree References: T1, T2 and T3

- T1: Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)
- T2: Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)
- T3: Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)

Proposed Works

Crown reduce 2 No. Holm Oak trees (T1 & T3) and 1 No. Sycamore tree (T2) to the previous established reduction points, individually leaving a final height of approximately 10 metres and an average crown spread of approximately 5 metres.

The proposed works comprise reducing the crowns back to the previous pruning points by removing the subsequent regrowth that has developed since the last pruning cycle. Branches will be reduced to suitable secondary growth points, maintaining each tree's natural crown form and structural framework. All pruning works will be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.

Arboricultural Justification

The Holm Oak and Sycamore trees have previously been managed through cyclical crown reduction and have established reduction points throughout their crowns. Since the previous works, vigorous regrowth has extended beyond these points, increasing the overall size, canopy density and end-weight of the branches.

The proposed works are intended to return each tree to its previous reduction points, maintaining an established Arboricultural management regime rather than introducing a more severe pruning specification. Returning to these existing pruning points will minimise the size of pruning wounds, preserve the established branch framework and reduce unnecessary physiological stress.

Reducing the crowns will decrease canopy sail area and branch end-weight, thereby reducing wind loading and mechanical stress on the principal scaffold limbs. The works will also maintain the trees at an appropriate size for their surroundings while retaining their important contribution to the landscape and local amenity.

The proposed reduction is proportionate to the size and condition of the trees and is consistent with recognised Arboricultural best practice. The extent of pruning is not expected to adversely affect the long-term health, vitality or structural integrity of the specimens.

Conclusion

The proposed crown reductions represent routine cyclical tree management and will return the trees to their previous established reduction points. The works will maintain the existing crown framework, manage future growth, reduce branch loading and preserve the long-term health, safety and amenity value of the trees.

The proposed works are considered appropriate Arboricultural practice and accord with the recommendations of **BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.**

Recommended Works

- T1 – Holm Oak: Crown reduce to the previous reduction points, leaving a final height of approximately 10 metres and an average crown spread of 5 metres.
 - T2 – Sycamore: Crown reduce to the previous reduction points, leaving a final height of approximately 10 metres and an average crown spread of 5 metres.
 - T3 – Holm Oak: Crown reduce to the previous reduction points, leaving a final height of approximately 10 metres and an average crown spread of 5 metres.
- All works should be carried out by suitably qualified and insured arborists in accordance with **BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.**

Yours sincerely

Chris Matthews

All works are carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 recommendations for tree work. We maintain public liability insurance up to £5 million. Please note that Conservation Area Planning rules or Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) may be applicable to some trees, requiring local authority consent. We always verify the absence of restrictions prior to commencing any work. If planning permission is necessary, please allow up to eight weeks for a decision.