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Tree Survey:

Arboricultural Report in Support of Proposed Tree Works

Three mature Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*) trees identified as T1–T3.

Proposed Works

Crown reduction of 3No. Holm Oak trees (T1–T3) by approximately 2 metres to achieve a final height of approximately 17.5 metres and an average radial crown spread of approximately 6.5 metres.

The proposed works involve reducing the crowns to the previous established reduction points, removing approximately 2 metres of the current season's and subsequent regrowth. Pruning will be undertaken by reducing branch lengths back to suitable secondary growth points whilst maintaining the trees' natural form, structural integrity and amenity value. All pruning works will be carried out in accordance with the recommendations of BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations.

Arboricultural Justification

The Holm Oak trees are mature landscape specimens that have previously been managed through cyclical crown reduction. Since the last pruning cycle, vigorous regrowth has extended beyond the previous reduction points, increasing the overall crown dimensions and canopy loading.

The proposed works are intended to return the trees to their previous reduction points, maintaining an established management regime rather than introducing a more intensive pruning specification. Returning the crowns to these established pruning points will minimise the size of pruning wounds, reduce the likelihood of unnecessary stress, and retain the trees' natural crown framework. Reducing the crowns will decrease end-weight on the outer branches and reduce wind loading throughout the canopy, thereby lowering mechanical stress on the principal scaffold limbs. The works will also maintain appropriate clearance from adjacent land uses while preserving the trees' contribution to the landscape.

The proposed reduction represents a moderate intervention that is consistent with recognised Arboricultural best practice. The extent of pruning is proportionate to the size and condition of the trees and is not expected to adversely affect their long-term health, vitality or visual amenity.

Conclusion

The proposed crown reduction constitutes routine cyclical tree management and will return the trees to their previous reduction points, preserving the established crown framework and maintaining the trees at an appropriate size for their location.

The works are considered necessary to manage canopy size, reduce branch end-weight and wind loading, and maintain the long-term health and structural integrity of the trees. The proposal accords with the recommendations of BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations and represents good Arboricultural practice.

Recommended Works

- **T1-T3:** Crown reduce by approximately 2 metres to previous reduction points, resulting in a final height of approximately 17.5 metres and an average radial spread of 6.5 metres.

All works shall be undertaken by suitably qualified and insured arborists in accordance with **BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations**.

Yours sincerely

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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.