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Tree Survey:

Arboricultural Report in Support of Proposed Tree Works

Tree Details

Trees Inspected:

- **T1** – Magnolia (*Magnolia* spp.)
- **T2** – Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
- **T3** – Paperbark Birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- **T4** – Crimson Maple (*Acer* spp.)
- **T5** – Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
- **T6 & T7** – Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*)
- **T8** – Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

Inspection Type: Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)

Reason for Inspection: Assessment to support proposed tree management works.

Tree Condition

All trees were inspected from ground level using the principles of Visual Tree Assessment (VTA).

Outwardly, T1–T7 appear to be in good physiological and structural condition. At the time of inspection, no significant signs of disease, decay or structural defects were observed that would adversely affect their health or suitability for the proposed management works.

T8 (Yew) is in a suppressed condition as a result of prolonged competition from the adjacent Western Red Cedars (T6 and T7). The dense evergreen canopies of the cedars have significantly reduced the available light, restricting the Yew's crown development and vigour.

Proposed Works

The client wishes to undertake the following arboricultural management:

- **T1 – Magnolia:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **6 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.
- **T2 – Tulip Tree:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **6 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.
- **T3 – Paperbark Birch:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **6 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.
- **T4 – Crimson Maple:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **6 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.

- **T5 – Rowan:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **6 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.
- **T6 & T7 – Western Red Cedars:** Crown reduce to a finished height of approximately **8 metres** with a radial spread of **3 metres**.
- **T8 – Yew:** Fell to ground level.

Arboricultural Justification

The proposed crown reductions to T1–T7 are considered appropriate management works that will maintain the trees at a size better suited to their surroundings while preserving their contribution to the landscape.

The reductions will:

- Maintain an appropriate relationship between the trees and the surrounding property and garden.
- Reduce the overall size and weight of the crowns, thereby reducing mechanical loading on the branch structure.
- Improve light penetration to the surrounding garden and dwelling.
- Maintain clearance from nearby structures where appropriate.
- Establish manageable crown dimensions that can be maintained through a cyclical pruning programme.
- Retain the long-term health, amenity and safe useful life expectancy of each tree.

The proposed pruning specification is moderate in relation to the size and vitality of the trees and is not expected to have a detrimental effect on their long-term health, provided the work is undertaken in accordance with recognised arboricultural best practice.

The removal of T8 is also considered justified. The Yew has become heavily suppressed by the adjacent Western Red Cedars (T6 and T7), which dominate the available growing space and light. As a consequence, the tree exhibits poor crown development and limited potential for future growth. Owing to its suppressed condition, T8 makes only a limited contribution to the overall amenity of the site, and its removal is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on the landscape.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed works be undertaken by suitably qualified arborists in accordance with **BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations**. All pruning cuts should be made to suitable growth points to maintain the natural form of each species and encourage healthy regrowth.

Conclusion

The proposed crown reductions to T1–T7 represent appropriate arboricultural management that will reduce overall crown dimensions while retaining the health, structural integrity and amenity value of the trees. The removal of T8 is also considered appropriate, as the tree is heavily suppressed by the neighbouring Western Red Cedars and has limited long-term potential. Collectively, the proposed works are proportionate, sustainable and consistent with good arboricultural practice.

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.