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Arboricultural Report in Support of Proposed Tree Works

G1 – Lapsed Beech Hedge

Species: Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

Category: Hedge / Group G1

Condition: Lapsed / overgrown

The Beech hedge has become lapsed and overgrown, with lateral branches extending beyond the desired line of the hedge. The hedge also exhibits evidence of historical topping cuts, which have resulted in multiple areas of previous crown reduction and subsequent regrowth. These historic pruning points have contributed to a dense, somewhat irregular structure with vigorous lateral growth extending beyond the desired spread.

Recommended Works:

Reduce the lateral overhanging branches by approximately 1.5 metres, leaving a final hedge spread of approximately 2 metres. Works should be undertaken sympathetically, retaining suitable growth where practicable and making cuts back to appropriate growth points or branch unions. Existing historical topping points should not be unnecessarily re-cut where suitable alternatives are available.

The proposed works are intended to reduce lateral encroachment, restore the hedge to a more manageable form and maintain its screening function, whilst taking account of the hedge's existing pruning history and structure.

All works should be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural contractor in accordance with BS 3998:2010 – Tree work recommendations. Care should be taken to avoid unnecessary damage to retained stems and surrounding vegetation.

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.