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Tree Appraisal.

Dear Mr Higson

Further to recent storm damage to the large C.macrocarpa located at your property I have the following observations to make:

1. The tree in question is a mature C.macrocarpa of between 85 & 100 years old.
2. It is located on your north boundary adjacent to a busy footpath.
3. There is evidence of branch failure and removal over recent years, especially on the east side.
4. Broken branches were last removed on 16th January and already further branches are beginning to fail on the north side.
5. The bulk of viable canopy is largely limited to the extremes of long and thin branches which are becoming more exposed as the tree continues to lose branches.
6. The main trunk has a slight lean to the north with the result that a large proportion of the tree is overhanging the footpath.
7. The base of the tree appears to be sound and exhibits reasonable buttresses.
8. Lifting of the footpath as a result of root expansion is evident.

Conclusion and Recommendation

- I believe that further damage is likely to occur as a result of more frequent storms.
- The likelihood of injury to persons or damage to property is increasing over time.
- I do not believe this tree to be suitable for severe crown reduction.
- I am unable to vouch for the on-going safety of the tree.
- I recommend that the tree be felled.

Yours sincerely

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