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Dear John

Further to our conversation and my site visit to inspect the Mature Ash Tree in your rear garden, I enclose the following findings.

Visual assessment. This Mature Ash is situated on your rear south boundary. The neighbouring property directly south is situated within 8 meters from the base of the tree. It stands at approximately Twenty metres in height. The main trunk has a structural defect, a large cavity at around 4.5 meters up. The tree's canopy is made up of multiple major limbs which have been topped in the past. The tree is of average health. There is very little dead wood and minimal die back in the upper canopy.

My conclusion. There are no signs that I can pick up on, which cause concern with reference to this tree's present health. The main trunk which supports a large spreading canopy does have this large cavity. Although it is a large cavity, it does however have good reactionary new tissue enclosing the old wound.

Recommended action.

I recommend that this tree is reduced in size. To achieve this, leaving the tree looking aesthetically pleasing I recommend a reduction and reshape of approximately 2 to 2.5 meters all over. It would also be wise to remove any dead/dying branches. The removal of these inner branches, will result in the thinning out of the trees canopy by no more than 15 to 20%

If you would like to discuss the above please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

John Bentley NDARB