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Ref JC1201- Recommendations for tree work at: 25 Servite Close, Bognor, West Sussex.

Further to my recent site visit I have the following general observations regarding the trees on the land adjacent to number 25 Servite close. This is a visual assessment from ground level only.

T2 (Norway Maple) appears to be in terminal decline with evidence of extensive die back and decay cavities throughout the canopy and trunk. In view of this I have recommended removal to ground level due to future safety implications.

T1, T3, and T4 have all undergone heavy pruning work in the past and as a result have developed decay cavities and potential structural weaknesses of varying severity associated with these pruning wounds. I don't believe there are any immediate issues with these trees but I have recommended a more thorough inspection and removal of any major dead wood as a standard precautionary measure, with a view to making further recommendations based upon our findings.

Although there are no apparent defects with T5, it overhangs the garden of number 25 significantly and as such I have recommended cutting back the canopy lightly.

T6 has a limb with signs of potentially serious structural weakness- cavities in association with a particular decay fungus *Inonotus hispidus*. In some cases, this can lead to limb failure therefore I have recommended weight reduction of this limb.

Recommended Works

(SEE ATTACHED SKETCH PLAN SP1201)

T1- Ash: Carry out an aerial inspection to assess for structural defects and decay with a view to future work recommendations. Remove any major dead, diseased and damaged wood.

T2- Norway Maple: Fell to approximately ground level as I believe the tree to be in gradual but terminal decline.

T3- Ash: Carry out an aerial inspection to assess for structural defects and decay with a view to future work recommendations. Remove any major dead, diseased and damaged wood.

T4- Norway Maple: Carry out an aerial inspection to assess for structural defects and decay with a view to future work recommendations. Remove any major dead, diseased and damaged wood.

T5- Ash: Cut back the foliage overhanging number 25 by up to 2.0m.

T6- Ash (outside No 10): Reduce 1x limb on the southern side of the canopy by up to 4m due to the presence of woodpecker holes (indicating an internal cavity) and the decay fungus *Inonotus hispidus*.

All debris will be cleared from site and left tidy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Regards

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