

TPO 4/1974 Works to Tree - Reasons for Works

The tree is too big for its situation, only 30ft from mine and my neighbour's semi-detached bungalows.

It dominates, is overbearing and overshadows.

The tree is on the south west corner of my garden.

The prevailing south west wind blows all the fallout from this tree into our gardens. Including leaves, many thousands of seed pods, twigs and small but heavy branches.

The leaves and seed pods block our gutters and drains. This incurs extra costs every year having them cleaned out.

It is impossible to collect up and dispose of all the seed pods. They germinate easily and require digging out virtually all year as and when they come through.

The branches that have broken off in the past have been smallish about 10ft long but it is a major concern that something much bigger and heavier will break away during a storm and cause damage to property.

The shadow from this tree extends over the whole of my small garden when in leaf.

The benefit of having a west facing rear garden which should be in sunshine in the afternoon is negated by the dense shade provided by this tree.

The soil in the corner of my garden under the canopy is completely dry even after heavy rain. Plants require constant watering in the summer.

Mr Warwick Arun DC tree officer has recommended the following works:

- Crown Lift 3m on all aspects
- Crown lift 6m on East aspect and back to boundary fence
- Selective and careful reduction of branches above 6m on East aspect by no more than 1m to blend in with upper crown

However in relation to my concerns over future ownership and ongoing maintenance as noted in my covering letter, I ask that these additional works be permitted:

- Crown reduction 2-3m on all aspects to reduce the height and spread and thereby reduce the burden of debris which falls and the risk to property during storm force winds
- Crown thinning to allow more light into the garden

I appreciate the amenity value of this tree from a public viewpoint. But in my opinion these additional request will not detract from its amenity value as it will still be able to be viewed from the surrounding streets and considering its fast rate of growth it will soon be back to where it is now.