

TREE SURVEY



PROPERTY:- 50 FERRING STREET
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WORTHING
WEST SUSSEX
BN12 5JP

The tree covered by this report is a Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*) of approximately 80-100 years old. It is subject to TPO/FG/1/77 and is not within a conservation area. The tree has been reduced and this was approved with planning application FG/27/98/T on 20/5/1998.

I inspected the Holm Oak on 22/7/2009. It is approximately 10m tall and of bushy appearance because of the earlier tree surgery. There are two cavities at ground level in the root buttresses on the northern side. I took photographs inside to show the substantial decay.





The roots of the tree are causing major damage to the wall built around the base and this has become unsafe.



Around the wall is a large area of block paving and this is being severely damaged by the roots of the tree. I lifted a couple of the blocks and the roots can clearly be seen directly underneath.





The garage forecourt is unsafe for the public because of the major risk of trips and falls; this means that an area of the forecourt is unusable by the business at the current time. Also of major concern is the root damage to the doorway at the front of the property



The aluminium door cill is being bent upwards by the roots. If the roots are doing this how much damage are they causing to the interior flooring.

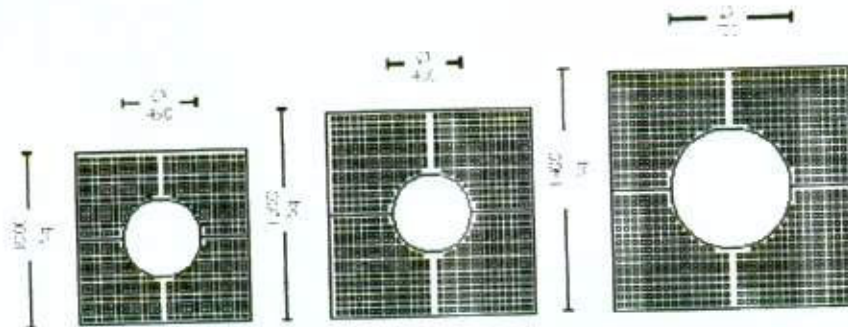


Where tree surgery has been undertaken in the past there is also a greater risk of the branches tearing away from the trunk as they become larger.



Based on the tree inspection I recommend the following:-

The tree is removed, and because it is of high amenity value it will be replaced with a Holm Oak between 3m-4m tall. This would be planted directly into the ground and not in a raised planter and root protection as shown below could be used.



Picture courtesy of (www.furnitubes.com)

Signed M. Aldridge. 3/8/09.

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