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2a Blakes Road
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Tree Survey:

Arboricultural Report in Support of Proposed Tree Works

Tree Details

Species: Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*)

Location: 2a Blakes Road

Inspection Type: Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)

Reason for Inspection: Assessment of the tree in relation to overhead telecommunications infrastructure and amenity management.

Tree Description

The Holm Oak is a mature specimen in good physiological and structural condition. The tree displays a dense evergreen canopy characteristic of the species, with no significant signs of disease, decay or structural defects observed at the time of inspection.

The tree has previously been managed by pollarding and has responded with vigorous regrowth, producing a dense crown.

Site Assessment

The crown has developed to the extent that branches are now encroaching upon and interfering with adjacent overhead telephone wires. Continued growth will increase contact with the telecommunications infrastructure, creating an ongoing maintenance issue and increasing the likelihood of service disruption or the need for emergency pruning.

In addition, the dense evergreen canopy casts excessive shade over the neighbouring property and surrounding garden throughout the year. The persistent shading reduces natural daylight to habitable areas and limits the use and productivity of the garden. As Holm Oak retains its foliage year-round, these impacts are experienced continuously rather than seasonally.

The tree remains healthy, and the issues identified relate to its size and location rather than its condition.

Risk Assessment

Although the tree currently presents a low risk of structural failure, continued canopy expansion will increase interference with the overhead telephone wires. Without appropriate management, the crown will continue to require reactive pruning to maintain statutory clearances from the telecommunications infrastructure.

The increasing canopy size will also continue to contribute to excessive shading, reducing residential amenity and affecting the surrounding landscape.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Holm Oak be re-pollarded to its previous pollard points in accordance with recognised arboricultural best practice.

Re-pollarding will:

- Restore appropriate clearance from the overhead telephone wires.
- Reduce the likelihood of future conflict with telecommunications infrastructure.
- Significantly reduce the amount of shade cast over the neighbouring property and garden.
- Maintain the tree in a sustainable size appropriate for its location.
- Preserve the tree's long-term health while retaining its amenity value.

All works should be undertaken by suitably qualified arborists using appropriate equipment and in accordance with **BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work –**

Recommendations.

Conclusion

The Holm Oak is a healthy and structurally sound tree; however, its current size has resulted in interference with overhead telephone wires and the creation of excessive year-round shade. Re-pollarding to the established pollard points represents an appropriate and proportionate management solution, allowing the tree to be retained while reducing conflict with nearby infrastructure and improving residential amenity.

Yours sincerely

Chris Matthews

All works are carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 recommendations for tree work. We maintain public liability insurance up to £5 million. Please note that Conservation Area Planning rules or Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) may be applicable to some trees, requiring local authority consent. We always verify the absence of restrictions prior to commencing any work. If planning permission is necessary, please allow up to eight weeks for a decision.