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Dear Mr and Mrs Kinnersly,

Populus odorata at Tall Trees Church Road Yapton

You asked me to give my opinion on this mature tree, in your front garden, given its obvious signs of failing.

Despite having five main stems this is in fact a single tree, which you told me had been showing signs of problems since you bought the house some seven years ago. It consists of a cluster of three main stems and two further stems about two or three feet away.

Two of the main stems are joined to about two feet from the ground and one of these is clearly dead. The third main stem appears to have been joined to the middle stem to a height of about three feet and is now splitting away down to the ground. One of the outlying stems is clearly dead. The stems that still carry some foliage are showing large amounts of bare branch. Significant amounts of dead wood are found on the ground on a daily basis.

One of the outlying stems is leaning and presents an immediate risk to your summer house, which is brick-built and has a tiled pitched roof and appears to be perhaps one hundred years old and adds greatly to the character of the conservation area.

In my view the dead sections of the tree present an immediate hazard. The remaining portions are in decline, the causes of which are not apparent. You told me that when the house was built in about 2010 the original driveway was filled in and a new driveway constructed, and it is quite possible that these events damaged the roots of the tree. If that is the case, it would seem that nothing can be done about it now. In conclusion it has to be assumed that the decline will continue, particularly as in the main group one declining stem is joined for the first two feet above ground to a dead stem.

If the dead stems only are removed, the remaining stems will become unbalanced, which in turn suggests an additional hazard.

In my view the whole tree should be removed quickly. I note your intention to replace it with a tree of some size or significant shrub consistent with other items in your garden

Yours sincerely

Eddie Wood
Tree Specialist

