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Sent: 01 April 2026 15:50
To: Jonathan.Lahai-Taylor
Subject: RE: CA/26/0042 - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area
Attachments: Yew tree @ 56 High Street.zip
Categories: Jonathan

Dear Jonny,

Thank you for your email and your help on the phone just now. The dimensions of the tree are as follows:

- Height: the starting height is estimated at 13m. Our proposal is to reduce the height of the canopy by roughly 1.5m to 11.5m.
- The width of the tree from the middle of the trunk:
 - North to the dripline is approximately 6m;
 - South to the dripline approximately 7m, and
 - West to the dripline approximately 6.4m.
 - I am unable to measure it to the east because the canopy hangs over our boundary wall with the neighbours but it looks similar.
- Our proposal (as has been done roughly every 5 years during our 20-year occupancy here) is to reduce the width of the canopy by approximately 1.5m in each direction, possibly 2m to the south where it comes closest to the house and extends the furthest and also 2m to the west where there is some dieback. Our tree surgeon (Simon Zec) advises that we should monitor the dieback over the spring/summer and if it doesn't recover, to cut out the dying branches as part of the proposed works in the autumn.
- We also propose to lift the canopy by no more than 1m where appropriate.

I attach photos .

I trust this meets with the Council's approval and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Petra Billings

From: Jonathan.Lahai-Taylor
Sent: 01 April 2026 11:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CA/26/0042 - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Dear Mrs. Billings,

Thank you for your application for works to trees in a Conservation Area.

The Council now requires additional information for applications to ensure we can properly assess proposals. In particular, we ask that you provide:

- ~~Clear "before" photographs of the tree(s) to which the application relates.~~

- The starting and finishing heights of the tree. For example, if a tree is currently 18m in height and you are proposing a 2m reduction, the specification should read along the lines of:
Starting height 18m – height following works 16m.
- For lateral reductions, the extent of works should be specified with reference to the cardinal compass points (North, East, South, West).

The rationale for requesting this level of detail is to ensure that we and any statutory consultees such as Parish Councils, can accurately assess the application. Having clear and precise specifications in metre, helps ensure that any approved works are carried out strictly in accordance with the consent granted, and, where necessary, the Council take appropriate enforcement action should the works be completed in excess of those which have been approved.

I hope this clarifies the position. We appreciate your cooperation in providing the required information so that we can process the application without delay.

Many thanks,
Jonny

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