

Tree Species: T1 English Oak (*Quercus robur*)

Current Dimensions (approximate)

Height: 16.5 metres

Current Crown Spread

North: 7.0 metres

East: 6.0 metres

South: 4.5 metres

West: 6.5 metres

Proposed Works

Reduce the crown by approximately 1.5 metres to suitable growth points and previous pruning points throughout the canopy, maintaining the natural shape and form of the tree.

Dimensions Following Works (approximate)

Finished Height: 15.0 metres

Finished Crown Spread

North: 5.5 metres

East: 4.5 metres

South: 3.0 metres

West: 5.0 metres

Branch Length Reduction

North: reduce from 7.0m to 5.5m

East: reduce from 6.0m to 4.5m

South: reduce from 4.5m to 3.0m

West: reduce from 6.5m to 5.0m

Justification

The oak is situated in close proximity to the dwelling and has previously been managed by crown reduction. Since the last pruning cycle, the crown has extended significantly beyond the previous reduction points and now heavily overhangs both the applicant's property and neighbouring gardens. The proposed works represent a modest reduction of approximately 1.5 metres throughout the crown, returning growth to established pruning points and suitable secondary growth. The works will reduce encroachment over the dwelling and neighbouring properties, maintain reasonable clearance from the building, lessen shading impacts to surrounding gardens and retain the tree at a size appropriate to its location.

The proposed reduction is in keeping with previous management and will preserve the tree's health, structural integrity, visual amenity and long-term contribution to the local landscape.

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