



Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for returning my call. Unfortunately, your previous email was diverted to my spam folder, so I apologise for my delayed response.

Thank you also for explaining why my previous application was considered invalid. Having discussed the matter with you, I believe there may have been a misunderstanding regarding the nature of the proposed works.

To clarify, I am **not** seeking consent to reduce the height or overall crown of any of the trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The proposed works are limited solely to **crown lifting** by the removal of the lowest branches to provide a ground clearance of approximately 3 metres.

The purpose of the proposed crown lift is to improve access beneath the trees, increase light and air circulation within the garden, and reduce competition with the adjacent protected trees. I believe these works will assist in maintaining the long-term health and amenity value of the protected trees while retaining their natural form and appearance.

No other works are proposed to the TPO trees. As shown in the photographs submitted, the lower branches are currently growing very close to, and in some cases almost touching, the ground. Should it assist in assessing the application, you are very welcome to carry out a site visit.

With regard to the non-protected trees, these have become significantly overgrown and are beginning to dominate the garden, suppressing the more desirable specimens. In particular, I am concerned that they may adversely affect the health and future development of the Monkey Puzzle tree through excessive competition for light and space. Thank you for confirming that I am able to undertake management works to the holly and Leylandii, as these are not protected and have become overbearing within the garden.

I fully appreciate the importance of the protected trees and consider myself fortunate to have such fine mature specimens on my property. My intention is not to alter their character, but to manage them responsibly in accordance with good arboricultural practice. The only works for which I am seeking consent are a crown lift to a maximum height of approximately 3 metres above ground level, with **no reduction in the overall height, or natural shape of the trees**.

I hope this clarifies my proposal, and I would be grateful if my application could be reconsidered on this basis.

