

Dear Validation Team,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 September regarding application **DC/26/1382 – Surgery to 1x Cedar at Silver Birches, 18 Winterpit Close.**

I understand that further information is required regarding the current dimensions of the tree and the proposed finished dimensions in order for the application to be validated.

I have attached the Delegated Applications Assessment Sheet relating to the previous application for works to the same cedar (**DC/20/0888**). This document contains measurements taken by the Council at the time and details of the works that were subsequently approved.

The Council's assessment in 2020 recorded the tree as approximately **20m in height**, with radial crown spreads of **5.3m South, 3.8m West, 4.8m North and 5.3m East.**

The tree has grown considerably since those works were undertaken. Based on the previous Council measurements and my reasonable estimate of the subsequent growth, I would estimate its current dimensions to be approximately:

Measurement	Approx. current	Proposed finished	Approx. reduction
Height	23m	20m	3m
North branch/crown length	5.8m	4.3m	1.5m
East branch/crown length	6.3m	4.3m	2m
South branch/crown length	6.3m	4.3m	2m
West branch/crown length	4.8m	3.8m	1m

These measurements are approximate homeowner estimates rather than measurements undertaken by a tree surgeon. They have been based on the Council's recorded measurements from 2020, together with the estimated growth of the tree since that time.

The proposed works are therefore broadly consistent with the works previously considered appropriate by the Council under application DC/20/0888. The intention is to **reduce the height by approximately 3m and reduce the lateral spread as detailed above, pruning back to suitable growth points while retaining the natural shape and balance of the cedar.**

The reason for the works is to manage the continued growth and overall size of this very large tree within a residential front garden, maintain a balanced crown and reduce the extent of the tree over the surrounding residential areas, driveway and neighbouring property.

I hope the above, together with the attached previous Council assessment, provides the information required to validate the application.

If any further clarification is required, please let me know and I will be happy to provide it.