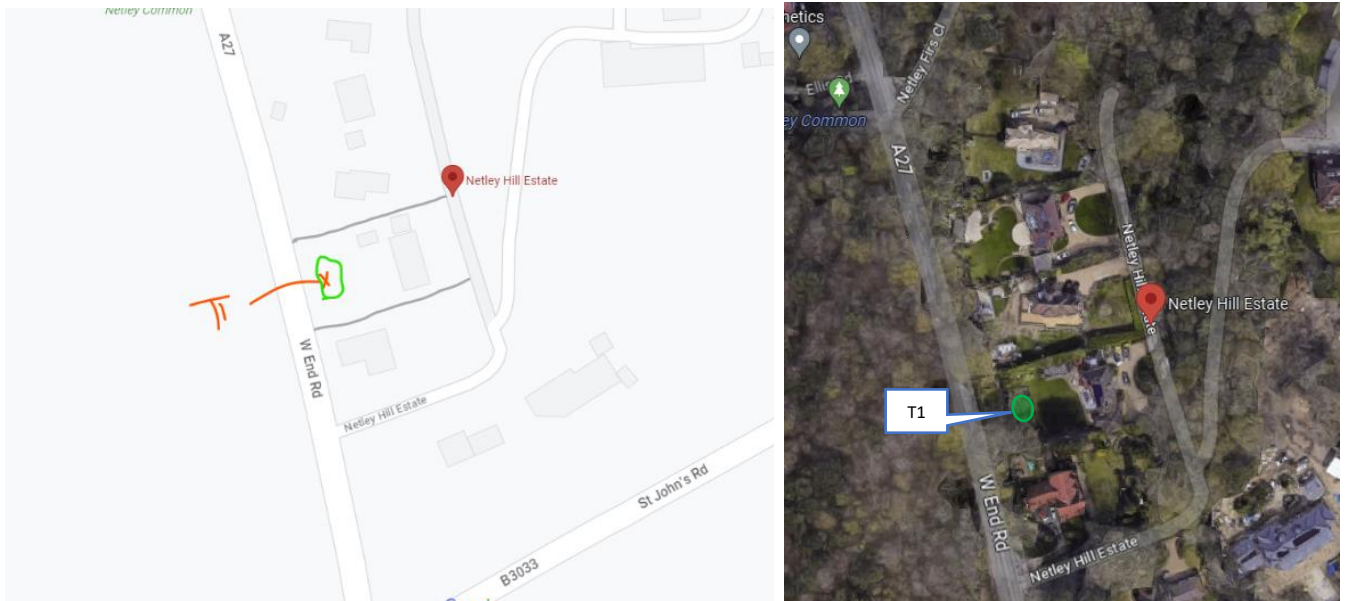


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Discussion:

T1 is an oak in the rear garden of the property. It is just visible behind the house from the access road.

T1 is healthy. The structural condition is compromised by a combination of historical crown lifting which has left it with a long, clear stem (with some epicormic response), and it is weighted east over the garden. There is a lack of buttressing to the rear of the tree – no tension roots are apparent at the base on the west side. There are limited buttresses visible to the east (compression side), and slightly larger ones to the south.

The tree has limited amenity and a somewhat elevated likelihood of failure due to the structural form. It now has a target of a swim-spa in the rear garden on the northern boundary.

The owner is requesting a fell: it has been in management for many years: the overlifting is the result of a consent reference T/12/70650 from 26.03.2012 where no dimension was given to the upper limit of the crown lift, resulting in the current form. The crown was reduced at the same time, and a subsequent reduction was consented in 2021, and given the overlifting, this is prudent but limiting the future potential of the tree.

The owner is happy to have two (2 no) trees conditioned as a replacement in the rear garden, one native oak *Quercus robur* and one *Liquidambar styraciflua* are suggested.

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Photo 1 - T1 from east - whole



Photo 2 - visibility from access road

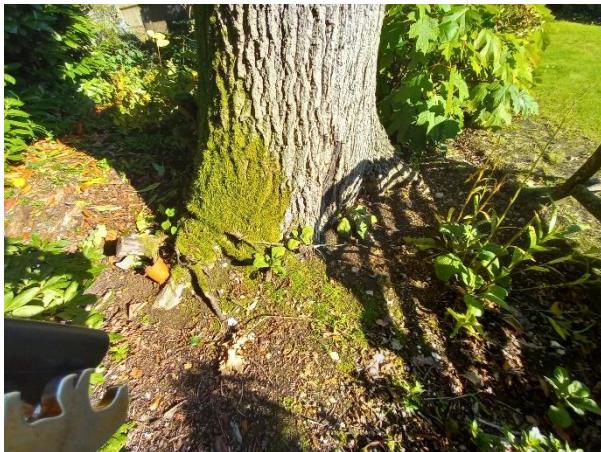


Photo 3 south side of base, no buttressing on tension side, slight buttress on compression side



Photo 4 west side of base, no buttressing on tension side



Photo 5 rear (west) side of base (stumps not from oak). Also lacking buttresses.