
Arboriculture Report

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Hi Charles

Firstly, the issue of tree numbering – This was an oversight which I understand has now been rectified by the architect amending their numbering in line with the arboricultural report.

Secondly, the proposed pruning – The note on the architect's plan does seem to suggest a crown reduction however this is not correct. There is no need to reduce the spread of the crown as it can oversail the proposed building without this causing any particular issue, as is the case with the current building. What is needed is to prune the lower branches to achieve the standard 2m clearance required to prevent damage to the building. The extent of the pruning is explained in the report with as much precision as is possible given the information available, in order to compare the existing pruning requirement with the proposed. It should be noted that the heights quoted relate to the ridge of the building, which is the highest point and therefore the 'worst' case. Given that the work will involve the removal of only small diameter material at the branch tips my assessment is that this additional pruning will not be significant in terms of tree health. The wording in the method statement is intended as an instruction to the contractors so naturally does not go into as much detail, though this can be amended if considered necessary.

I hope that this is helpful.

Thanks

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