

Arborist Report – Tree Root Damage Assessment

Property Address: 61 Ullswater Avenue, Southampton, SO18 3QS

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1. Tree Identification

- Species: *Betula pendula* – Silver Birch
- Location: On boundary line of 61 Ullswater Ave, SO18 3QS, adjacent to driveway.
- TPO Status: Protected under Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 682-E

2. Observations

- The tree is mature and well-established, with a full canopy extending over the adjacent driveways and encroachment onto the property.
- The tree is situated in a constricted area adjacent to the driveway and has now seemingly outgrown its location.
- Surface roots have caused significant lifting and movement to the driveway surface.
- Damage includes:
 - Vertical displacement of paving stones
 - Potential Trip hazards
 - Continued root growth towards property could pose risks in future.

3. Assessment of Damage

- Root growth has exerted upward pressure on the driveway structure, compromising its integrity lifting driveway paving stones.
- The damage is progressive and likely to worsen as the tree continues to grow without intervention.
- Repairing the driveway without addressing the root cause would be ineffective as this would continue to progress over time.
- The trees size and proximity to the property make alternative mitigation measures such as root pruning impractical and potentially harmful to the trees health.

4. Recommendations

- Tree Removal: Due to the extent of root damage and lack of alternative mitigation options that preserve both the tree and driveway, removal is recommended.
- Replacement Planting: A suitable replacement tree may be planted in a suitable location that avoids future conflict with built infrastructure.

5. Supporting Evidence

- Site photographs



T1 Silver Birch – Location adjacent to driveway & property

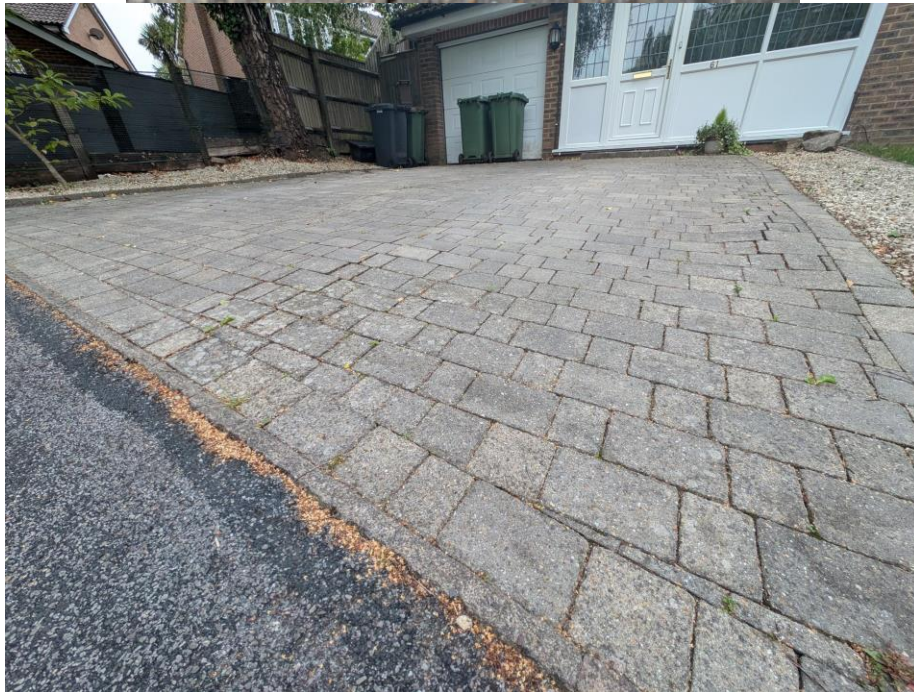
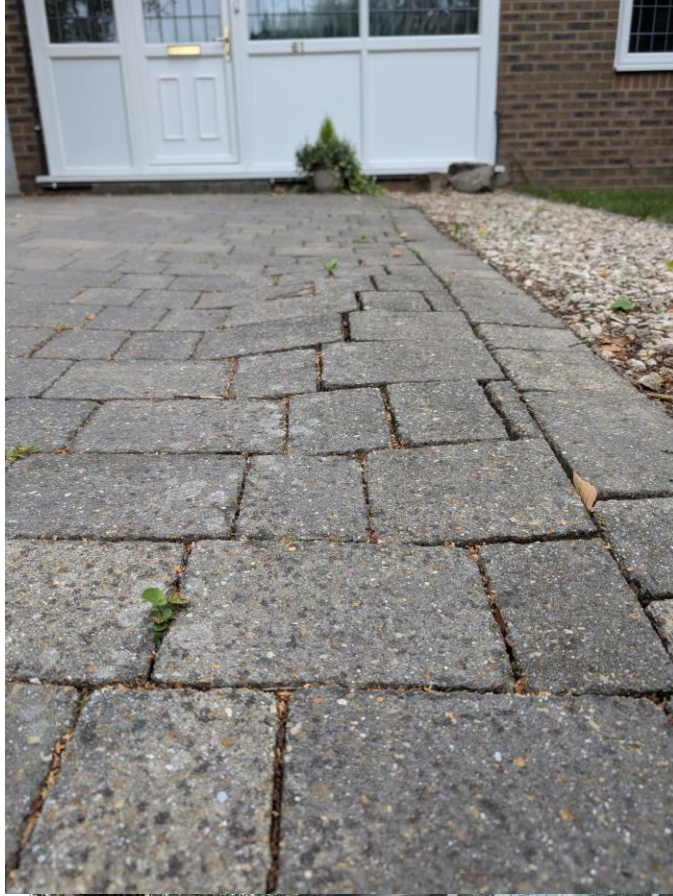


T1 - Basal flare & raise surrounding ground





T1 – Driveway immediately adjacent to T1 displaying raised and uneven paving stones.



T1 – Area of raised & uneven paving stones approx. 6m away from tree location.

6. Conclusion

The tree, while of good amenity value, is causing demonstrable damage to the driveway at the property and presents ongoing risks with current root damage measured at approx. 6m away from the trees location. Given the extent of the damage, the trees position, and the lack of viable alternatives, removal of the Silver Birch and replant of a suitable alternative species would appear to be the only reasonable course of action.