

**PLAN AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF TREE AT 'HIGHBEECH', 1 GREEN LANE,
NORTHWOOD, MIDDX HA6 2UY - SAL/KMA/20290 – 8TH JUNE 2022**

T1 - Weeping beech x 1 - to reduce the length of two parallel growing lateral branches which are now very close to the adjacent property (No. 3 Green Lane) by 5-6m, please note that these are over-extended pendulous branches and therefore the linear metric is not so significant as it might appear, the cut diameter of the pruning point would be around 60 mm, this proposal includes to reduce one further similarly orientated branch by around 5 m as this too, is now encroaching into the curtilage of No. 3. Additionally, I request consent to reduce the three lowest lateral branches that are growing directly toward the rear elevation of No. 1 by about 3 m. The same criteria applies to these branches as it does to those described above.

Reasons: these works are needed because the tree is located within a very small garden and is now preventing Mrs Wareing's enjoyment of her garden. Lateral branches are now encroaching unacceptably into the curtilage of No. 3 and so are now almost in contact with the dwelling house of this property (see photographs 2, 3, 4 & 5).

The council's refusal letter of the previous application notes that the beech is "characterised by its shape with weeping pendulous branches", as all weeping beeches are. Their refusal notice then incorrectly assumes that "The proposed work will considerably lessen (reduce) the height and spread of this appeal (sic) tree and reduce the contribution to the character and appearance of the area". This is erroneous. Only a limited reduction in spread on about one-third of the crown circumference is proposed, and this is limited to the lower crown areas. There is no application to reduce the height at all. The tree will not "appear significantly cut back" and its overall weeping appearance will not be damaged. The council asserts that the proposed works will increase the risk of dieback though provides no evidence to support such a claim. Furthermore, the claim is made, again with no supporting technical evidence, that the long-term health and useful life expectancy of the tree might be affected by the proposed pruning. In actual fact we carried out a similar though probably more extensive pruning operation around 3-4 years ago. The tree suffered no impacts and evidence of the work is now virtually indiscernible. It is testament to the tree's genetic vigour and adaptive vitality that it has regrown strongly, such that it is now causing distress to both Mrs Wareing and her immediate neighbour. The work proposed is simply necessary management to a tree that has hugely outgrown a very restricted location.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF WEEPING BEECH - 29-3-22



PHOTOGRAPH NO.1 – SHOWING EXTENT OF BRANCH GROWTH TOWARD THE REAR ELEVATION OF “HIGH BEECH”

PHOTOGRAPHS OF WEEPING BEECH - MAY 2022



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 2



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 3



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 4



PHOTOGRAPH NO. 5