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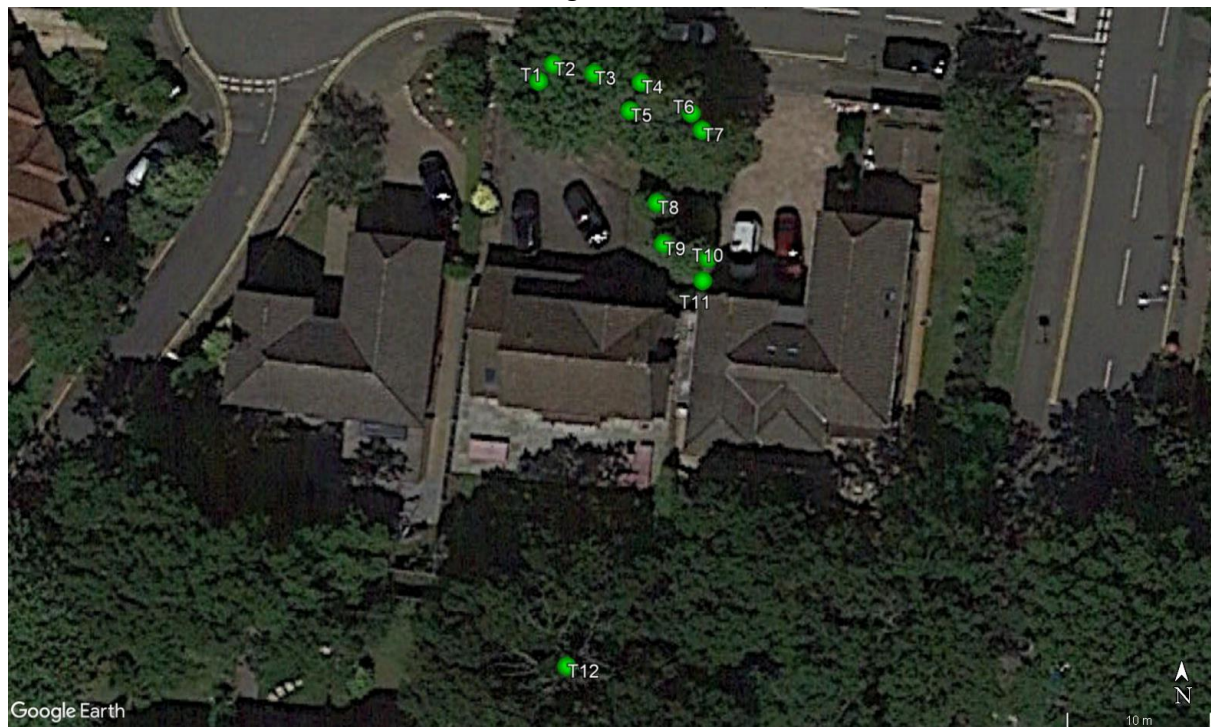
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2A Rofant Road, Northwood, HA6 3BE

There are several trees along the frontage of 2a Rofant Road and several along the boundary with No.

2. There is also a mature Oak to the rear. See Figure 1 below.

Figure 1



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The trees in Figure 1 are as follows:

T₁ – Field Maple

T₂ – Larch

T₃ – Ash

T₄ & T₅ – Pair of Western Red Cedars

T₆ & T₇ – Pair of Western Red Cedars (in No. 2)

T₈ – Lawson Cypress

T₉ – Lawson Cypress

T₁₀ – Lawson Cypress (in No. 2)

T₁₁ – Lawson Cypress (in No. 2)

T₁₂ – Oak (within land to rear)

The Field Maple T₁ is suppressed by Larch T₂ and has a low, asymmetrical crown. The trees are each impeding the growth of the other (see photo1). It is proposed to remove Field Maple T₁ in order to allow the Larch T₂ more room to grow.

The Ash T₃ and Western Red Cedars T₄ & T₅ have the potential to grow very large, very quickly and the owner is worried about the insurance implications and would like to contain their size (see photo 2). It is proposed to reduce the crowns by 3-4m and then repeat on a cyclical basis.

The Lawson Cypresses T₈ and T₉ are high water demand trees and are growing very close to the front wall of the house. T₉ is also very sparse (see photo 3) and considered a low value tree. The owner has had trouble with roots growing in the nearby drain. It is proposed to remove Lawson Cypresses T₈ & T₉.

The Lawson Cypresses T₁₀ and T₁₁ are third party trees, but are growing against the 1m high retaining wall that runs along the boundary (T₁₀ is also growing directly next to a drain cover). The brick wall is cracked and bowing out (see photo 4), and cannot be repaired with the trees in situ. It is proposed to remove Cypresses T₁₀ and T₁₁.

The Oak T₁₂ overhangs and shades the rear garden (see photo 5). It is proposed to cut back the large, overhanging limb back to the boundary (back to a suitable growth point) and then tip-reduce all other overhanging branches in the upper crown back to the boundary.

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For the Ash T3, Western Red Cedars T4 & 5 and Oak T12:

As per section 17/2/d of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 (relevant sections pasted below in italics), it is requested that a condition is added to allow the works (pruning back to previous pruning points) to be repeated every 3-5 years.

17.— (1) Where an application is made to the authority for consent under an order in accordance with regulation 16 the authority may—

(a) grant consent under the order, either unconditionally or subject to any such condition as is specified in paragraph (2)

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(d) conditions specifying that the works may be carried out on multiple occasions or within a specified time period only or both.

For Lawson Cypress T10 and T11:

It should be noted that, if the application is refused, then under Section 24 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, the Council could potentially be liable to pay compensation for any further damage (i.e. the wall collapsing) that occurs within 12 months of the date of refusal (compensation would not be payable on existing damage).

If compensation became payable, it would likely be for part-payment of the re-building costs – which would be more than the £500 compensation threshold.

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This report represents a true and factual account of all potential arboricultural matters at the subject property.

Yours sincerely



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14th July 2020

Appendix 1 - Professional résumé

I am Trevor Heaps, director of Trevor Heaps Arboricultural Consultancy Ltd. I am a Chartered Arboriculturist, a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association (AA) and hold a First-Class Honours Degree in Arboriculture.

Professional training

- Arboriculture and Bats: Scoping Surveys for Arborists (BCT & AA) – October 2017
- Tree Science (AA) – June 2016
- OPM (Oak Processionary Moth) Training (FC) – May 2016
- Visual Tree Assessment (Arboricultural Association) - October 2015
- Trees and the Law (Dr Charles Mynors) - June 2015
- Mortgage (Home Buyers) Report Writing (LANTRA / CAS) - February 2015
- Tree Preservation Orders - effective application (LANTRA / CAS) - November 2014
- Professional Tree Inspection 3-day course (LANTRA / AA) - July 2014
- Arboricultural Consultancy Course (AA) - May 2014
- Further down the subsidence trail 1-day course (AA) - April 2013
- Getting to grips with subsidence 1-day course (AA) - November 2012

AA – Arboricultural Association

BCT – Bat Conservation Trust

CAS – Consulting Arborist Society

FC – Forestry Commission

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Appendix 2 - Photographs

Photo 1



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Photo 2



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Photo 3



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Photo 4



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Photo 5

