

62 Brookburn Road

Manchester

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Planning Department
Manchester City Council

Dear Planning Staff,

We request permission to remove three trees from our back garden. We live in the Chorltonville Conservation Area.

The three trees are self sown. We would like to extend lower-level planting into this area and enable the recovery of part of the boundary hedge that is now showing large gaps. There are two Hawthorns under the Lime which would flourish in its absence. We could also then consider introducing another Rowan. The trees we wish to remove are:

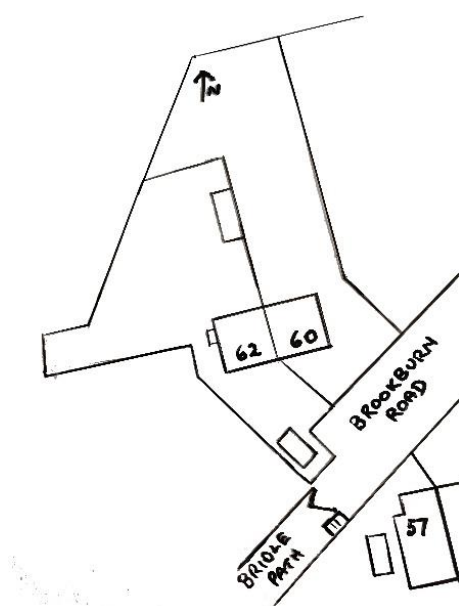
- 1 A self-seeded Sycamore. This sits at the far corner of our garden. It overhangs the boundary fence between the garden and the neighbouring Brookburn Primary school land and some of its branches grow through the school fence.
- 2 A self-seeded Holly. This sits on the boundary between our garden and the school and grows through the school fence.
- 3 A self-seeded Lime. This is a large tree that has grown unevenly with broken and damaged branches.

See diagrams and photo below. Please advise any further information or action required to progress our request.

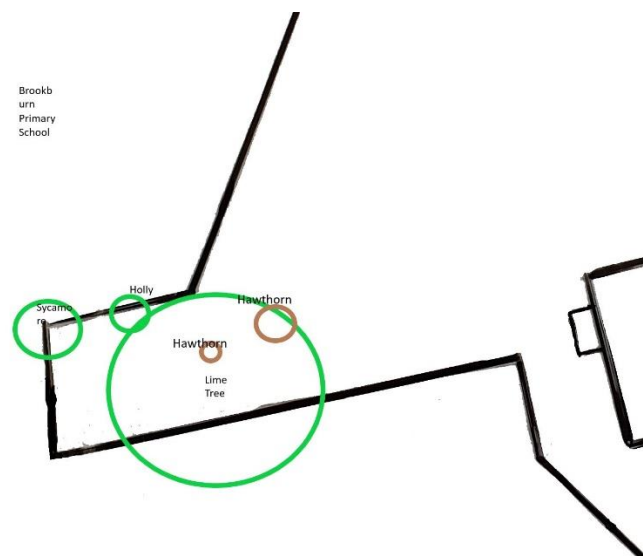
Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Hamish and Ann MacKay



Location of our house



Location of trees in our garden

The photo below gives an indication of the size of the 3 trees and shows some of the gaps in the boundary Beech hedge as there is clear visibility of the yellow goal posts and tarmac playground in the school grounds through it. The Lime, on the left, is around 50 feet tall. It is in a very congested state, with few low branches. To the right of the Lime, the dark green Holly can be seen and beyond it, the splay of stems from the Sycamore. The two small Hawthorns can also be seen, the smaller is just to the right of the Lime's trunk and the larger is in line with the Holly. There is a third Hawthorn in the photo, with a bird in its branches. It is not affected, but is mentioned as it is clearly growing much more strongly on its right side – actually to the north! - to avoid the shade from the Lime.

