Request for Approval for Tree Work

Needham Hall
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This request for approval to undertake work on protected trees at Needham Hall relates to pruning and tree removal operations on specific TPO numbered trees, and other trees previously identified on earlier site surveys.
Each tree is listed and the proposed arboricultural work is outlined and the reasons for this work are specified.
The trees involved are located in the vicinity of Blocks A and E on the Tree Protection Plan Drawing Ref 072-00-4002.

Trees Adjoining Block A

TPO Trees 3 and 4 have been subject to some minor root disturbance and it has been agreed with the Local Authority Arboricultural Officer to undertake some remedial root pruning, and for the backfilling of all trenches with a high quality grade topsoil to promote healthy root growth and recovery.

TPO 3 Horse Chestnut

Light Pruning of branch tips approx 1.5m removal to compensate for root pruning operations and promote future beneficial growth. All pruning operations will be undertaken to BS 3998.

TPO 4 Birch

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Trees Adjoining Block E

TPO 113 Magnolia

We seek permission to remove this tree on the grounds that it is directly interfering with the building line and will be compromised by the development work.
We are willing to provide 2 semi-mature replacements to be included in our landscape proposals to mitigate for the loss of this tree.

TPO 115 Lawson Cypress

This tree dominates the tree line and casts a high level of shade to the potential detriment of adjoining TPO trees. The tree is quite mature but the trunk demonstrates poor form with unsightly basal growth. Any potential crown lifting operation which would be the normal course of action to improve a high shade situation would be both difficult to undertake and likely to be unsightly.

We therefore seek permission to remove this tree, on the grounds that it is casting too much shade in its present location, both to the adjoining protected trees and the future development.

The following protected trees that would benefit from the removal of TPO 115 would be TPO 114 English Yew, TPO 118 Ash, and arguably the one of the best trees on the site TPO 124 Tulip tree which is a light demanding species and stands to the West of the Lawson Cypress and directly in its shade. The removal of the TPO 115 would be most beneficial in the context of the future growth and long term development of the Tulip Tree and other adjoining protected trees.

TPO 116 Midland Hawthorn

We seek permission to remove this tree on the grounds of good arboricultural practise. This tree is a very poor specimen, has been subjected to very dense shading which has resulted in a very drawn and poor form. It has grown through the adjoining English Yew TPO 114. The removal of the Hawthorn would be beneficial to the Yew in removing a closely competing specimen, whilst at the same time it will enable more space for the Yew canopy to develop in the future, thus improving both form and vigor.

Tree Numbers 100 and 101 Leylandii

We wish to remove these trees as they are poor individual specimens and are directly interfering with the building line of the development.

TPO 77 Yew

We wish to retain this tree but remove some dead wood, prune basal growth and crown thin in anticipation of ground works, which will excavate a light well for the development. This has already been identified in the main tree protection Plan as a specific issue in relation to this tree. All pruning operations will be carried out in accordance with BS 3998.

Following discussions with your Arboricultural Officer we wish to undertake some restorative pruning on a large Rhododendron just under the canopy edge of **TPO Tree 111**. This would improve the future growth potential of the shrub, and ensure its future retention as a specimen in the landscaping plans for the site.

Enc Tree Protection Plan 072-00-4002