25 Meadow Bank Manchester M21 8EF - 139366/TCA/2024

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Good afternoon, John,

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The applicant has proposed to crown lift the Nordmann Fir in the rear garden for the following reasons:

In March 2023 a 30' Cunninghamia lanceolata was felled in the garden of 25 Meadow Bank (with your permission) from the area labelled C in the attached jpg images. This south-facing lower half of the garden is now in preparation for replanting with non-arborescent subjects.
The removal of the above tree and subsequent clearance of the affected area have revealed some minor problems, previously more or less concealed, in relation to another tree.
The tree in question is a mature Abies nordmanniana (variety unknown) planted in 1984. Its size and spread is causing inconvenience in three adjacent gardens. We have consulted an RHS horticulturist /garden planner who has agreed that it would be most advantageous if we could obtain permission to have the canopy of this tree raised.

Jpg image 'Abies1Plan' shows the position of the tree where the garden of 25 Meadow Bank tapers to a point between the gardens of No. 23 and 57, Brookburn Road.
Jpg image 'Abies2' shows the spread of the problematic lower branches.
Reasons for the request:

1) The branches labelled A are entangled with the crown of at least 1 apple tree in the garden of No. 23. The new residents at No. 23 (currently having extensive building works) will quite soon wish to tackle their garden problems and the removal of these low branches would be a considerable help.

2) The garden shed and summer house (labelled B) next to the Abies both have thick green algal growth on their roofs which seems very likely to be exacerbated by the close proximity of, and constant shade from, the low branches.

3) The absence of the lower branches of the Abies would allow more light to reach the south-facing area which is to be replanted.
This would also be true for the relevant area in the garden of 57, Brookburn Road, which we are sure would be welcome.

I can confirm that we would have no objection to the proposed to the proposed crown lifting of this tree.

Kind regards

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