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John,

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The applicant has submitted the following information:

I am applying for permission to treat one hawthorn tree. It is an old tree with a bifurcated trunk. Three sections of the tree's smaller lower branches have died off, and have not featured leaves or blossom for at least three years. A number of smaller branches on these dead sections have broken off in the winter storms, and are caught in the canopy of the tree. The tree stands against the wall at the back of my garden, and its rear branches hang over the communal alleyway behind my property, which is used for bin storage by myself and my neighbours.

A tree surgeon (Matt Brereton - Alderwood Tree Care) has been to inspect the tree and has informed me that there are cavities in the top of the two main trunks, and a split is forming at the top of one of them.

I would like permission to carry out three treatments on the tree, which I am making with the hope of prolonging the tree's life and its considerable benefit to our wellbeing:

- Cut back dead wood and remove dead stubs, including removal of a dead limb emerging from the main trunk at around 1m up on the left side.*
- Thin overall tree by 25% and reduce from 8m to 7m in height, which will also reduce growth into a neighbours garden behind.*
- Removal of a branch hanging over the alleyway, to lessen the pressure on the split forming in one of the main trunks and alleviate stress on the tree.*

I can confirm that we would have no objection to the applicants proposals to attempt to prolong the trees life.

Kind regards

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