

Fw: 14 Barlow Moor Road Manchester M20 2GJ - 135927/TCA/2023

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To: Alderwood Tree Care <info@alderwoodtreecare.com>

Hi Matt,

please see City Arborist report below re above proposed tree works.

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The applicant has proposed to carry out the following pruning/ removal works:

T1) Lime - mature lime at entrance to driveway. Remove the 4 lowest branches and trim back any drooping secondary branches to suitable growth points to crown lift to 7m. Reduce the height of the tree by 4m and reduce the remaining branches by 2m-2.5m to give the crown a good shape and balance. Thin the crown by 20% and remove epicormic growth from the trunk. This will allow a lot more light and air through the canopy and make the tree feel less oppressive. It will also minimise the radius affected by the sap, leaves and other detritus that currently drops on the cars parked on the drive. It will allow good clearance for tall vehicles passing on the road side and keep the tree clear of the telephone wire.

We would object to the proposed work on this tree as it would leave the tree in a stressed condition with poor visual amenity value.

I can confirm that this tree is a prominent feature positioned on a main arterial route to Didsbury village.

The tree offers high visual amenity value and would be worthy of TPO status.

Estimated measurements of the tree:

Height - 16m

DBH - 55cm

Crown spread - 10m

T2) Holly - mature holly in good health - no work proposed.

T3) Holly - mature holly with very sparse crown that is dying back. There is significant bark loss at the base of the trunk. Remove tree to low stump.

T4) Holly - mature holly with significant lean overhanging the side of No.12. There is significant bark loss and softening at the base of the trunk and signs of decline in the canopy. Remove tree to a low stump and replace with a new holly tree to eliminate the risk of damage to No.12 if the tree falls in the future.

We would have no objection to the proposed works on the Holly trees - T3 and T4.

Please see attached image showing the fabulous contribution this tree makes to the street scene:



I am unable to support the tree works the Lime (T1) as it stands given this report, would you like to amend proposed works to the Lime (T1) following discussion with your client? Please come back to me within 5 working days.

Best regards, John

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