

TPO T193 GROUP A2 - QUESTION 7 IDENTIFICATION OF TREES

Mr Derek Richardson of Thameside department on a visit to our garden was asked for general advice regarding trees in the above TPO area and specific advice on 2 particular trees.

I identified a dead Hawthorn tree by the back fence on the right hand side of the garden. Mr. Richardson agreed that the tree was dead and could be removed. This tree had failed at the base and was only still standing with the support of the next tree. I am arranging for the removal of this tree.

I identified a tall pine tree on the right hand side of the garden near to the garden fence. This tree is very top heavy and is progressively leaning to the right. It leans over progressively further to the right and over the next door garden in high winds these are frequent in this area of the garden. We agreed that this tree has a potential to cause damage and potential injury to the neighbours next door. This could be caused by either the whole tree uprooting or the top of the tree breaking off. Mr. Richardson agreed that the tree should be safely removed but advised I still needed to apply for planning permission before getting the tree removed.

Photo 1 shows dead Hawthorn and right leaning top heavy pine tree and their proximity to the right hand fence.

Since then I have identified another top heavy tall pine tree in the back right hand side of the garden that also has a lean towards the back of the garden, the back fence and new building close to this fence. I had not noticed this lean as we mainly look straight out on it from the front of the garden. I only noticed it when doing some gardening by the left hand fence. This tree is the middle tree in a group of three growing in almost a straight line at their bases. Apart from the lean the tree does not look very healthy it has shed most of its bark from approximately 1/3 up and there are many dead or broken branches from the middle up.

As I was not aware of this tree leaning at the time of Mr. Richardson visit it was not discussed with him but I would like to request permission to remove this tree on the grounds of safety.

Photo 2 Show the additional pine tree its lean and its position as the middle tree in a group of three trees in a line.

I would be grateful if you would give this request for the removal of unsafe trees your urgent consideration and a prompt reply so I can arrange their safe removal as a priority.

Thank you.