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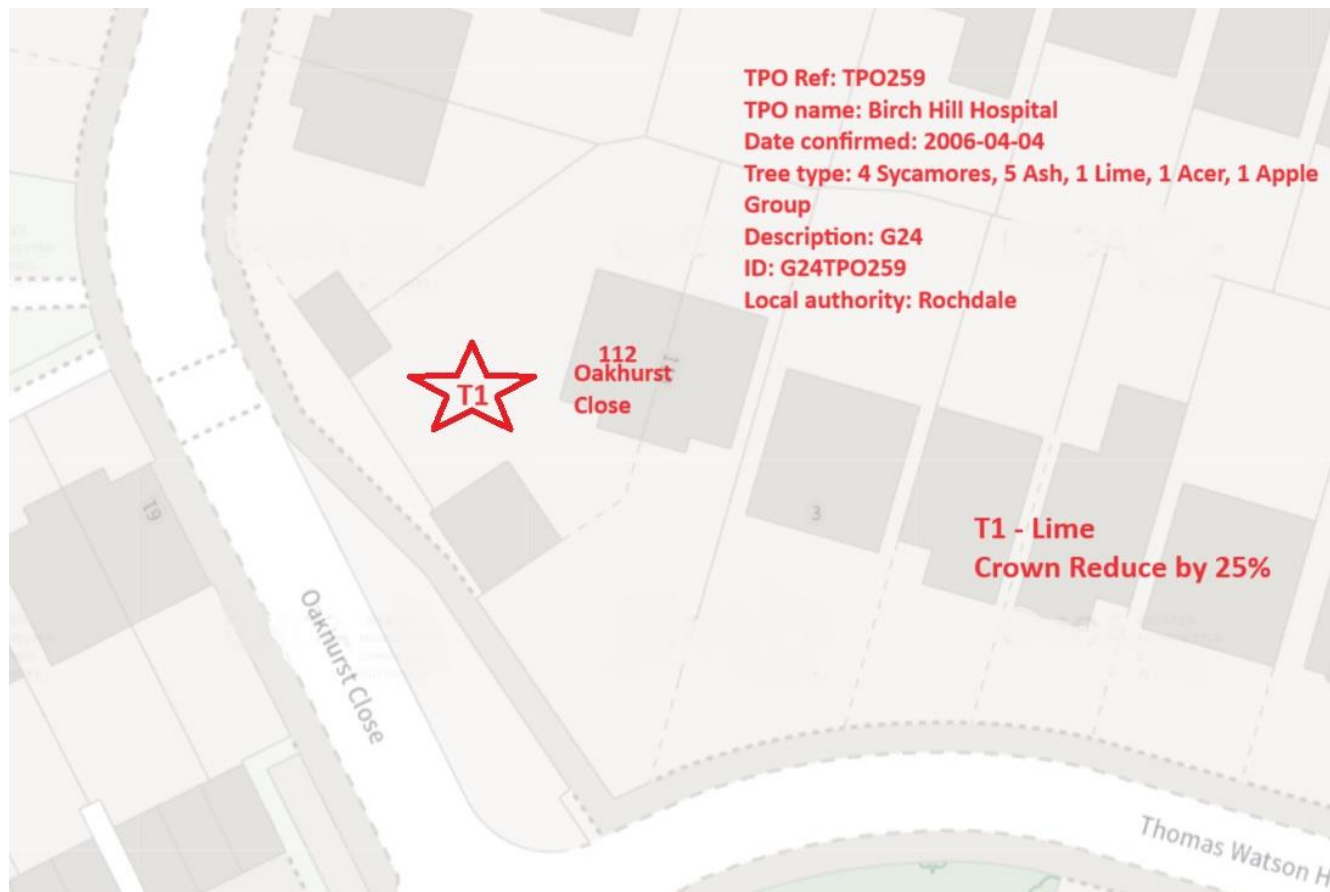
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As requested, please see the completed tree report, as discussed this offers no guarantees as trees are living organisms and can fail at any time. We would also like to advise that no indemnity or insurance cover is offered. This report is in "my opinion" only and covers only the trees that have been inspected.

Trees in question are subject to a Tree preservation order – TPO259

Local authority: Rochdale

Location
112 Oakhurst Close.



Work provided

Site visit, arboricultural inspection, photography, report, and quotation.
All trees have been thoroughly inspected and only the tree with any defects or concerns have been noted.

Trees included

T1 – Lime

Issues found

Tree of mature stature situated to the side of the property causing excessive shading towards the property. Upper crown is visibly unbalanced.

Recommendations

T1 – Lime, Crown reduce upper crown by 25% (as per image)
Review and monitor every 5 years to successfully maintain a healthy Lime tree.

Crown Reduction of a Mature Tree

Crown reduction is a pruning technique used to reduce the size and shape of a tree's canopy. This process involves selectively removing branches and foliage from the outer edges of the crown, resulting in a more compact and balanced tree structure. There are several reasons why crown reduction may be necessary for a mature tree:

- 1. Safety** One of the primary reasons for crown reduction is to mitigate potential safety hazards. Overgrown trees with large, heavy branches can pose a risk of falling during storms or high winds. By reducing the overall size of the crown, the weight and leverage on individual branches are decreased, making the tree less susceptible to structural failure.
 - 2. Health** Crown reduction can also benefit the overall health of a mature tree. By removing dead, diseased, or damaged branches, the tree's vitality and longevity can be improved. Additionally, reducing the density of the canopy allows for better air circulation and sunlight penetration, which can help prevent fungal diseases and promote new growth.
 - 3. Aesthetic Purposes** In some cases, crown reduction is performed to enhance the visual appeal of a tree. By shaping the canopy and maintaining a more uniform silhouette, the tree can complement its surroundings and contribute to an aesthetically pleasing landscape.
 - 4. Crown reducing** a protected tree is a worthwhile practice for several important reasons. Firstly, it helps to maintain the overall health and vitality of the tree by reducing the strain on its branches and trunk. By selectively removing certain branches to reduce the overall size and weight of the crown, the tree is better able to allocate resources effectively and sustain its growth and development over the long term. Secondly, crown reducing can also improve the structural stability of the tree, reducing the risk of limb failure during extreme weather events such as storms or heavy winds. This not only protects the tree itself but also mitigates potential hazards to nearby structures or individuals, particularly important in urban or residential settings.
- Furthermore, crown reducing can enhance the aesthetic value of a protected tree by shaping it into a more desirable form that aligns with the surrounding landscape. This can help to preserve the tree's natural beauty and integrate it harmoniously into its environment, promoting a sense of balance and visual appeal.
- From a conservation standpoint, crown reducing can prolong the lifespan of a protected tree, allowing it to continue providing important ecological benefits such as carbon sequestration, habitat for wildlife, and shading to mitigate urban heat island effects. By managing the tree's growth in a controlled manner, its longevity and overall contribution to the ecosystem can be maximized.
- In conclusion, crown reducing a protected tree is a beneficial practice that promotes its health, safety, aesthetics, and conservation value. By implementing this technique with care and expertise, we can ensure the sustainable management of protected trees for the benefit of both present and future generations.



Kind regards,
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