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Re Planning application 24/00471/WTTPO | Works to one Sycamore Tree identified within group 'A1' of Tree Preservation Order 004 - reduce by 3m and crown lift of 7m | 843 Bury Road Rochdale OL11 4AA

I have previously inspected this tree in relation to App 23/00380/WTTPO and advised removal of the Ivy and further inspection. The Ivy has now been killed off, allowing for further inspection to take place. The tree is rather mis-shapen, growing hard against boundary walls and fences and close to the garage, with limited space for future growth, but it is part of a wider tree group and part of the attractive woodland landscape along Crimble Lane.

The proposal to prune the tree (albeit heavy pruning) rather than remove it is therefore a reasonable approach and represents an alternative to tree removal. Sycamores are resilient trees, and can withstand heavy pruning. Nevertheless, I would advise that the tree is inspected annually following any works to assess condition and shape as the tree recovers from pruning works.

I therefore would raise no objections to the application, justified in the interests of responsible tree management. Works must be undertaken by a suitably qualified and insured person and in line with BS3998:2010.

Yours

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