

Mr. Anthony Halperin  
14 Maryon Mews  
London  
NW3

21<sup>st</sup> November 2011

Dear Mr. Halperin,

**RE: Sycamore tree within the rear garden of 14 Maryon Mews**

Thank you for your recent instruction to undertake an assessment of the sycamore tree within the rear garden of the above property; a property which you own. My remit was to assess the overall quality of the tree, as well as its suitability for retention in its current location.

I visited the site on the Wed 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011, and can now advise as follows:

The tree in question is a sycamore tree of 14metres in height and is in good health. It has a stem diameter of 320millimetres (measured at 1.5m in height) and is located 3.6metres from the nearest elevation of the house.

The trees canopy is almost in contact with the building, and it is apparent that its canopy has been pruned in the past (presumably to remedy this proximity issue).

The tree is growing within a raised planter, and is surrounded by retaining walls and fences.

I feel that the tree is unsuitable for its location, and that a tree of this species should not be located within a small rear garden such as yours. As well as the proximity issues that I have discussed above, the tree will cast dense shade over the garden and this species will also create issues with aphid dropping, so I imagine the presence of the tree detracts from your reasonable enjoyment of your garden.

If retained, the tree will require regular maintenance to keep it at sensible proportions, as the canopy could easily extend to a radius of 10m. It is also likely to damage the retaining wall in the future.

In consideration of the above factors, I would recommend that the tree is removed and not replaced.

I hope this is of assistance to you, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards



Glen Harding  
For and on behalf of GHA Trees

