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To: Planning
Subject: Proposed Tree Work on Private Land - 10 Bromwich Avenue (N6 6QH)
Attachments: Silver Birch 1.JPG; Silver Birch 2.JPG; Laburnum 1.JPG; Laburnum 2.JPG

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Dear Camden tree team,

I am writing to you to give you details of 2 trees that I would like have 'trimmed' at 10 Bromwich Avenue this coming winter/spring. I am the owner of 10 Bromwich Avenue which is on the Holly Lodge Estate, a conservation area, which is why I am writing to you in order to check that you do not have any comments/objections regarding this work.

I have previously obtained permission from you to have some work done on 3 other trees in the garden in 2012 – which was carried out successfully in 2012. These 2 trees that I am reporting today are different trees from my previous request and I have not discussed these 2 trees with you before.

If there were no objections to the work then I intend to use the same professional tree surgeon (Taylor Rhodes Tree Services), that I used in 2012 to carry out the tree works. Both of the trees that I wish to have trimmed are planted on my property at the front of the house in the front garden.

Details of the trees are as follows:

1. A very healthy silver birch that I planted in the 1990's – see attached two pictures. The picture called Silver Birch 2 shows the tree in front of my house (the house on the left) and you can see how overgrown it has become. I would propose taking 1 to 2 metres off the sides to bring the tree wholly within my property boundary and away from my windows which are currently 'whipped' in winds. I would have an additional benefit that the security light would be uncovered which hasn't worked well in the past year due to the trees' growth. I would also propose taking 1-2 metres off the top so that the tree is only the height of the top of the roof of the house. The picture Silver Birch 1 is a close up of the trunk showing its lovely healthy colour and 'strong' trunk (the tree is very popular with small birds). The picture is taken looking from my front garden towards my neighbour's front garden.

2. An old laburnum tree – see attached two pictures. I don't know when this was planted but the size of the trunk makes me think that this might date to when the house was built in an apple orchard in the 1920's. One of my favourite trees for wildlife, this is a mass of yellow in the spring/summer and is hugely popular with bees and when in flower you can hear swarms of bees buzzing above your head. Being an old laburnum it has a tendency to get split and dead branches which do come down in storms. The tree is planted very close to the front of the house with the trunk only being a couple of metres away from the walls meaning that the tree now leans slightly away from the house to get more light. I would like to take 1-2 meters off three sides of the tree (nothing off the height). The height isn't a problem and it is below the height of the roof top. The width is an issue because it has now spread further across my garden, reducing light to the shrubs in the garden and it has also spread further across the path leading up to the front door. I would like to keep the tree within its historic canopy area (it seems to have been growing outwards more strongly in the past 5 years) and prune dead branches which should keep it healthy in the future and stop it leaning further. On the side of the tree next to the house it is so close that I don't need to take off 1-2 meters, just 1-2 feet to stop branches hitting the windows. Picture Laburnum 2 shows the laburnum from the road (it is the tree in the middle of the picture right next to my front door). Picture Laburnum 1 shows the large trunk and it illustrates the types of holes an old laburnum develops which is one reason we don't want its canopy to develop much beyond the footprint it had when we moved into the property in the early 1990's.

I hope I have given you sufficient information/pictures about the 2 trees but please let me know if you need anything else.

Kind regards

Jon Cable

[owner 10 Bromwich Avenue, N6 6QH]