TREE REPORT AT 15 CROSSFIELD ROAD, LONDON, NW3 4NT

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Introduction

We have been asked by Modern Arboricultural (on behalf of the owners) to inspect the existing Sycamore trees in the rear garden of the above property to ascertain their condition.

We note that there have been 3 recorded planning applications in the past where permission has been granted to remove and/or prune back sycamore trees.

Tree Survey

The Sycamore trees are juvenile and are around 8 metres tall with a crown radius of 3.5m. Condition can best be described as fair to poor, given the clear fungal infestation of the trunk. This could be indicative of a general malaise. We also note that these two trees are competing for the same resources and it would be difficult to imagine one or both of the coming to maturity. As it stands, these trees are compromising the garden walls.





Fungal infestation to trunks more than likely resultant of poor pruning practices previously.

Summary

These sycamore are showing clear signs of decay. If they were in a woodland setting, the recommendation would be for it to die out naturally. As their condition deteriorates, it would be very difficult to predict how this scenario plays out. The risk of injury (or worse) to members of the public and the occupants is just too great and we recommend that this tree be felled as soon as is practicable. There is a children's play area in this location. Since there has been previous felling of sycamores in this garden, we feel it correct and necessary for this felling to take place.

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