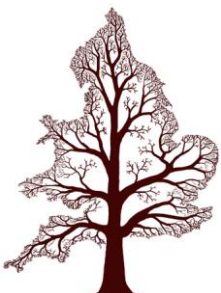




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Date: 7th June 2016

Reference: Lime Tree Subject to a TPO (reference number is not known) at Rochester Spiritualist Church, NW1 9HU.

Dear Andrew,

In respect of Rochester Spiritualist Church, NW1 9HU, I have been asked to provide an initial assessment of the condition of a protected lime tree on site. I can confirm that I am a consulting arboriculturalist at Crown Consultants (FdSc Arboriculture, TechArborA).

Following my site visit on 28th April 2016 I comment as follows:

The lime is a mature tree and is approximately 12m tall. It becomes multi-stemmed at a height of 3.5m. Its canopy is balanced and has been heavily reduced in the past.

The tree grows very close to a brick wall. It was observed that this wall has been displaced. This will almost certainly have been caused by the roots of this tree which will be pressed against the wall foundations (see attached photographs).

Several decay fruiting brackets were observed at approximately 3.5m above ground level. These appear to be of the *Ganoderma* genus. The presence of these fruiting brackets indicates that decay will be present at the critical point where the main crown break occurs (see attached photographs). Any decay present at this point could lead to substantial structural failure.

Given that this tree has now arguably outgrown its location and is damaging the adjacent wall, together the presence of decay, we would recommend that this tree is removed.

Kind regards,

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