



Dear Mr Dawson,

I thank you for your message of 14/07, regarding my application ref 2016/3899.

Originating 4/07/16.

Proposed tree pruning schedule at 79 South End Road.

To clarify, we do not intend to carry out drastic pruning.

The 30% thinning proposal is designed to maintain the rather formal look of the front garden trees (a row of five identical *Fagus sylvatica*, planted as semi-heavy standards, in a straight line and at equal intervals) in conjunction with a rather strict yew hedge as a boundary statement. If left untended these trees will develop full and quite dense crowns.

It was never intended that they should become mature trees of full stature- the garden is far too small for this.

Instead we propose

Selective removal of longer and larger radial branches, retaining smaller growth to maintain an attractive natural shape.

In this way the extent of crown spread can be controlled and maintained in scale with the garden.

This will avoid reduction pruning which spoils the appearance of the winter crowns.

It will also allow sufficient light to sustain underlying plantings as part of a new garden plan.

We would rather do this, and retain the trees, than remove and replace with a selection of smaller specimens.

I hope this makes the specification a little clearer.

Please accept this submission as part of our application, at your receipt date.

With best regards,

Fergus Kinmonth.



