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25-27 NASSINGTON ROAD, NW3 2TX
TREE SURGERY REQUEST on behalf of
LUCY SCOTT-MONCRIEFF

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Salix caprea (West facing border. Image 13/02/17 at approx. 16:08)



Reasons for surgery

1. Removal of the 2 branches indicated above would allow far more light into the border below, without detracting from the shape or vigour of this small tree.
2. The canopy of this tree is very congested, and is also in competition with the ornamental cherry (just behind the *Salix* in this image). Crown thinning (the removal of one of the larger, numerous branches in the crown) is also recommended if the Arboricultural Officer agrees.

Quercus sp (South West corner of garden. Image 13/02/17 at approx. 16:13)



Reasons for surgery

1. Raising of canopy to allow more light into the East facing garden border.
2. The most striking feature of this lovely garden is the wildlife friendly swimming pond. This feature requires plenty of sunlight to maintain optimum biodiversity, and hopefully the Arboricultural Officer will agree that the removal of these limbs will help to achieve this without harming either the oak or its inhabitants.

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Fraxinus excelsior (North facing border. Image 1 13/02/17 at approx. 16:10. Image 2 16/11/16 at approx. 10:15)



Image 1

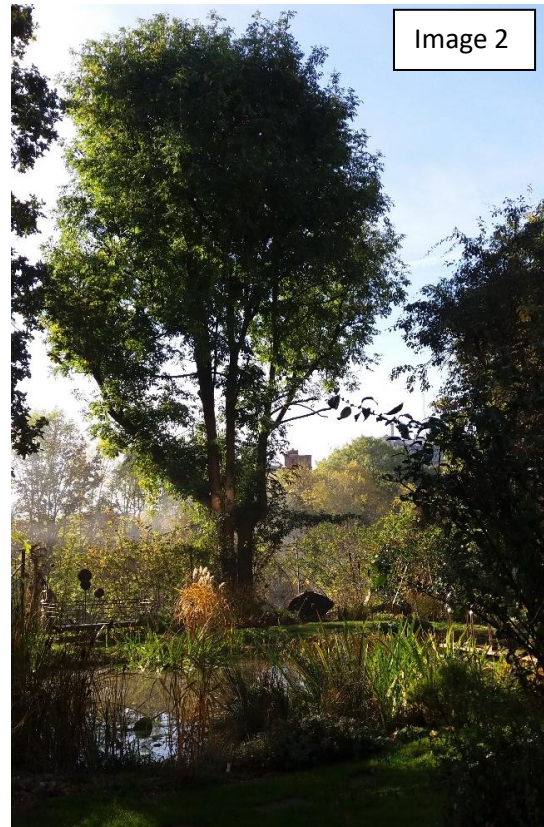


Image 2

Reasons for surgery

1. A crown thinning is requested in order to allow more light into the garden, both for the benefit of all borders and the wildlife swimming pond, if the following request is denied.
2. Due to the need for regular surgery to prevent this ash from becoming congested and blocking sun from the rest of the garden, would the Arboricultural Officer consider a request to replace this tree with one of equal or greater wildlife value, with a less dense canopy or a broader, shorter form? Appropriate species such as *Betula pendula* or *Sorbus aucuparia* could be considered under advisement from the Arboriculture department. This South facing garden (purchased partly for this reason) is becoming increasingly and excessively shaded by the mature trees at its far end. Whilst the oak is a beautiful specimen requiring little tree work, the ash traps many hours worth of sunlight on a daily basis, requires regular and expensive surgery and is also unattractive. Whilst it is understood that the aesthetic of the tree is not a major consideration in relation to Tree Preservation Orders, we respectfully request that this beautiful and treasured garden*, managed to be as wildlife friendly as possible, deserves the serious consideration of the Arboriculture Dept on this matter. Could the tree officer consider that a replacement could have equal or higher amenity and beneficial wildlife value?

Please note that some residents at this property are concerned about any tree work due to the possibility of being overlooked by the flats visible in the images above. In this instance, a shorter broader tree would provide more effective screening than the existing ash with its high canopy.

A mature tree would of course be purchased to replace the ash, if this agreement is reached.

*Open annually with the National Garden Scheme; next date June 4th.

With thanks,



Julie moore on behalf of L. Scott-Moncrieff