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Attn. tree team

When we moved to 8 Twisden Road around 1993 the silver birch in question was of a manageable height. Since then it has grown considerably in height and girth. It is much higher than the house and leans over towards it and No 10 in search of the light, so tree surgeons have told us.

During the gales three years ago we were alarmed by the tree swaying and actually whipping in the wind. We had the permitted 3 metres height reduction and branches pruned. It gave us little benefit of light after 12 months and soon grew again.

If it should be blown over it would devastate our house and at least Nos 10 and 12 Twisden Road. We would fear for the safety of occupants inside.

After gales a few weeks ago, a neighbour at No 10 expressed her alarm, and along with our own serious concerns, we sought advice of a tree surgeon and decided to request that the tree be felled. He advised us on more suitable trees that could be planted to replace the silver birch.

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