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Our Ref: 55928

Statement of Reasons for Conservation Area Notification to:

- 1] Carry out a targeted canopy reduction to Beech T1
- 2] Fell and treat Goat Willow T2

Conservation Area: Fitzroy Park

1. The above tree works are proposed as a response to the growth in the canopy of Beech T1 which has had no recent judicious management prescriptions applied to the canopy. See attached photographs of the Beech canopy taken from various locations on 19 December 2017.
2. The above pruning of Beech T1 is expected to be guided by BS3998 2010 principles and not exceed wood with a diameter of 25mm
3. The canopy reduction must not exceed a linear pruning length of 2m and any thinning needs to target duplicating branches in the first instance
4. The asymmetrical Beech canopy outline is to remain but be reduced in overall width.
5. The above tree works are proposed as a remedy to the direct damage being caused to the curtilage wall of Dormers by Goat Willow T2. See attached photographs of the full height and width crack in the curtilage boundary wall.
6. The above felling of Goat Willow T2 are proposed to limit the extent and need for expensive and disruptive engineering repair works to the curtilage wall of Dormers.

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7. It is the case that any alternative to felling Goat Willow such as pruning or significant pollarding of T2 would not provide a relevant remedy to the direct damage which has been caused. We do not consider that any other potential means of mitigation including a root barrier would be feasible in the particular site circumstances
8. The above felling of Goat Willow T2 will allow Birch in relative proximity to develop into the resultant space.

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