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Steve Williams

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To:

Dear Mr Calzavara,

To summarise, I visited 69 Patshull Road, London NW5 2LE on 30 July 2018 and compiled a report on 31 July 2018. In that report, I referred to two lime trees: T2 and T3. I recorded that T2 had dense epicormic growth that impeded access, and that it had a large longitudinal wound on the south side. In the tree schedule survey (p.9) I suggested the removal of the epicormic growth from the basal area; I also recorded that T3 had very dense ivy growth throughout, impeding an inspection of the tree.

On 23 November 2018, in response to your follow-up query, I contacted London Borough of Camden to asking if it was permissible to remove the epicormic growth and/or ivy without making a conservation area application for tree works. It was agreeable to the Council Officer that epicormic growth and Ivy could be removed for the purpose of allowing a full visual tree assessment (VTA) of the trees to be undertaken. I was informed that you had work done on T2 and T3 on 6 December 2018 to advise that the epicormic and ivy had been cleared to allow a VTA and this was confirmed by the photographs sent to me showing the results.

In light of what this work has shown, I recommend that T2 is removed entirely because of the extent of the cavity and associated decay within its trunk, upon which I previously reported. I advise applying to the council to remove this tree sooner rather than later.

It is difficult to fully assess T3 while there is such a build-up of soil around its base and while it remains covered in dense ivy, which I understand has now been severed. T3 appears to have been neglected for a number of years. I therefore recommend that its crown is reduced by 30%, and is then reshaped. This will reduce the weight and "sail effect". The ivy should simultaneously be stripped. Once that has been done, I will be in a position to carry out a further inspection to see if the tree suffers any further defects.

I advise that this information be included in your application to carry out works within a Conservation Area as supporting information.

Kind regards

Steve Williams
Arboricultural Consultant

