

For the Tree Officer

Removal of Lawson Cypress Tree

Dear Sir

I am attaching a photo of the Lawson Cypress tree in our front garden. I planted this tree myself some decades ago when it was only a metre tall, and I hadn't expected it to grow to such a height and girth. Unfortunately, my mistake was to plant it only a metre away from the house. Now my insurers are concerned about it causing structural damage to the building and have asked me to obtain a report from a qualified tree surgeon. Last week I had the tree examined by an expert from City Tree Services, based in Borehamwood, Herts. He recommended that we have the tree felled, in two stages six months apart. We would like to do as he recommends.

As you may be able to see from the photo, we have a large holly tree in front of the cypress. The tree surgeon told us that once the cypress is removed, the holly will grow rapidly. It is planted far away from the house so will cause no structural problems. In any case, we will keep it maintained into a pleasing shape as it grows further.

I believe we may have to obtain your approval for removing the Lawson Cypress and I would be very grateful if you would consider the matter. I am keeping my insurers up-to-date on progress.

Yours faithfully

Dr A B Stone