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Notification of tree works in a conservation area – removal of damaged Poplar

The houses at the top of Park Village East are fortunate to have large gardens that are full of well developed trees. At number 26 this includes a poplar tree, planted or established at some point in the second half of the 20th century but which suffered catastrophic damage in the great storm in 1987.

The tree must have been very large and apparently (according to neighbours) broke in half during the storm. Over the years, previous owners of the house have taken advice from the council and others as to how to manage it, with the consequence that the remaining large stump has been tidied up and progressively shortened (currently circa 5m in height).

The tree is not dead, however, and sprouts vigorous epicormic growth. Visually this makes the tree look unbalanced (see accompanying photograph) but is also dangerous as the limbs created grow very fast but are not strong and have a tendency to break off.

Work was undertaken on the tree last year to remove all such limbs but already there is epicormic growth of circa 2m in length growing from the top of tree stump. We have made a separate application to remove this as a way to keep it under control but this will need to be an annual process.

As a result, we would like to remove the tree and replace it with a healthy tree that can grow safely in the same location. We intend to plant a beech tree in its place.

Yours faithfully

