**BEECH TREE in garden of 23 Church Row, overhanging 24 & 23 Perrins Walk**

The relevant figures for the beech tree are as follows:

* estimated height of 14 metres;
* distance from the trunk to the nearby houses of 6 metres;
* branches are within 2 metres of the nearby houses.

Please see attached photographs.

**Danger to nearby houses**

This large tree is very close to the nearby houses (24 & 23 Perrins Walk), and is leaning towards 24 Perrins Walk. Given the proximity and the angle of growth, a storm could cause the tree to fall onto either or both of the houses, injuring the occupants.

In addition to the risk of personal injury and also damage to the houses, the tree is causing damage to the garden wall bordering the gardens of 23 Church Row and the garden of 24 Perrins Walk.

The substantial leaf fall in the autumn blocks drains and risks further property damage.

The tree also now deprives the nearby houses of light, and its unchecked growth is a danger to those living nearby.

**Application**

To reduce the “sail area” of the tree in high winds, and thereby to manage the risks described above, we apply for permission to reduce the branches overhanging 24 Perrins Walk and garden by up to 3 metres.

A reduction of the overhanging branches by up to 3 metres will similarly reduce the weight which threatens to topple over, and also the root growth into the neighbouring properties.

If you would like to inspect the tree and the nearby environment from our garden, please let us know.

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