

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL VOLUNTARY TREE WARDENS' REPORT

PA25/04241 – Dartana Forder Saltash Cornwall PL12 4QR

T1- Macrocarpa- Reduce height by 4 metres to a height of 14 metres. This tree has lost several large leaders recently. Reducing the sail will help protect the tree.

We do not have any objection.

T2- Oak- reduce overall crown by approximately 4 metres. Bringing height down to 14 metres. The neighbouring property recently lost a large chestnut, that protected this Oak from South westerly winds.

The owner is concerned about the safety of the tree which stands in the boundary wall of a public footpath. We think it is safe, but cannot comment authoritatively on the risk of it falling, and defer to a professional opinion. We think the tree is leaning (away from the path) but is well rooted and sound. We think it could be made more balanced, and therefore even more safe, by removing some weight from the side away from the pathway: this could be either by removing one large branch, or by reducing the canopy on that side by 3m.

T3 and T4- Pine- remove. These trees have become too tall and crowded with neighbouring trees. Removing these 2 will allow more light to the ground. My client has been planting Oak trees underneath and is trying to create a native deciduous woodland.

Although these pines are part of the skyline and therefore an amenity, they are crowded and reaching the end of their lives so we do not have any objection. The owner plans to replace these with oaks, but will need to include robust protection of some form as other oaks there have been killed by damage from deer in the last 2 years.

- Ash- Remove. These trees are in poor health due to dieback.

The owner identified three ash trees where felling was being considered. One is dead and stands beside the footpath, so we have no objection. The second one, next to it, is in good condition and not really impinging on a fine oak at the moment, so we don't think felling is justified. The third is mildly affected but does impinge on the oak, so we agree that felling of this is justified.

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