

PA21/05723 7 Coombe Rd

**Saltash Town Council**

**Voluntary Tree Wardens Report**

PA21/05723 – 7 Coombe Road, Saltash, PL12 4ER.

PA21/05723 | Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, namely remove ash trees (T8 and T9) | 7 Coombe Road St Stephens Saltash Cornwall PL12 4ER

Three tree wardens visited on 12th July 2021. One of the two ash trees (T9) is intertwined with a conifer (Lawson's cypress?) planted close by. These two trees are very close to the top of a bank, at the foot of which stand boat houses, boats and a footpath. A third tree, ash T8 stands just a few metres back from the bank.

The group of 3 trees together form an important landmark on the bank of the Tamar, with few other good trees in that area apart from one fine beech.

Dead limbs of both conifer and ash T9 can be seen suspended within the canopy, and the owner is concerned about them falling. This ash (T9) appears to have die back in several limbs and a total canopy estimated at 50-75% - so has probably reached the stage when felling would be justified. Ash tree T8 appears to be minimally affected by ash die back, so would in itself be worth conserving: however, it would be very unbalanced, having grown on one side only because it stands so close to T9.

The owner is concerned about the risk of branches falling. We feel that we cannot form a conclusion on the best solution here. We have requested that the Tree Officer meets us on site. Until we have discussed it with him, we would simply state that this is a problematic group of trees in a conspicuous position, and we have to defer to the Tree Officer's advice on the best management.

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