

PA21/11926 - Coombe Barn Babis Lane St Stephens PL12 4ET

Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order as stated in the tree report for the Ash trees T1 and T2.

We visited the site and met the owner and his wife.

The application includes a full, precise and detailed Tree Surgeon's Report, and makes some alternative recommendations. The application itself does not say which of these recommendations the owner has selected. On discussion, he expressed a preference for felling T1, and for removing the one branch on T2 that extends over the house roof.

T1 stands right by the front gate and its roots are lifting the drive slightly. There is a little rotting around the trunk and some evidence of ash die back. The tree will not last for very many years, but since the professional report says there is no risk of it falling, we would agree that a heavy pollard now is the best course of action.

T2 has one branch extending right over the roof of the house extension, and the branch has a longitudinal split. We support removal of most or all of that branch. But we do not recommend any work to the other branches.

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