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Dear Suong

Thank you for getting me over to take a look at this large Turkey Oak situated on your boundary at the front of your property.

Although this tree is large in size, due to the species it has got a lot of growing to do and will potentially double in mass over the next twenty-five to thirty years. The main spread in its canopy is over the main road to the south. The upper canopy breaks into multiple leaders at around 20 meters up. This is due to the tree losing its top in the 1987 October storm. The tree is in good health. The main trunk will continue to broaden and as a result, the hard landscaping around it may become affected. This can be alleviated by removing the wall when that time comes.

I am not overly concerned about this tree in its current state. However, I do take into account the location the tree is in and the responsibility you have in owning a tree of this size and vigour in such a busy location. The foot path and road seem to be constantly in use. Due to this I do think it is unreasonable to ignore the continuing growth and increasing size of this Turkey Oak.

I recommend resetting the upper canopy's height back to the point the tree was when it lost it's top in 1985. This will involve removing approximately 8 meters' growth leaving the tree at around 20 meter in height and the crown spread being pruned back over the road by approximately 3 meters. The rest of the surrounding canopy will be pruned back to match. Final crown spread being approximately 5 to 6 meters all around.

The work recommended will mean that the annual girth on the main trunk will slow down for the first two to three years. Once the tree has reacted and new growth is established, the girth will continue and the issue of the hard landscaping will still need to be addressed.

As requested I am happy to submit a planning application for the works discussed above. If I can be of further help please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely [redacted]

John Bentley (NDarb)