

Dear Jamie

Please consider this extra information to be added to the application for the removal of Macrocarpa.

Tree has an acute lean that has increased through the last 10yrs and is in decline. Its needle count is poor and 50 % less than when we last worked on tree. This is evident in photos attached, one from 2009 to now.

There are large areas of deadwood in the outer top of canopy and other areas are yellowing. Large limbs within canopy are dead or dieing girdled by canker which is clearly visible. Many of these limbs are structurally poor with splits and inclusions. If these were all to be removed, the canopy would have large holes in it which would be detrimental to the tree and increasing problems with wind twist.

This tree now has a limited life expectancy, with it's loss of vigour and lean the tree could be blown over in high winds.

It is situated in a high target area over a pavement, close beside the road and leaning heavily into the care home car park which is busy with vehicles and pedestrians continuously.

To try to stabilise tree by reducing would only shock it further in it's present state.

Conclusion:

Risk of failure is fairly high so would be prudent to Remove and re plant with another specimen tree

Kind Regards

Jon Petley