

Oaklands is a sheltered housing estate for retired and disabled people in the form of a block of 38 flats.

A tree survey conducted earlier this year by a qualified arborist identified several trees in the grounds that require attention. Among these are two oak trees, which are situated close to the building. It's my understanding that the one to the rear of the building has a preservation order.

The work required in each case was identified by the arborist as:

Remove all major deadwood. Full 25% reduction and reduce by 2m way from building. Aerial inspection whilst in canopy.

From a practical perspective, these trees have grown to the extent they now overhang the building roof and have become problematic insofar as they allow squirrels to enter the building roof space, distressing the elderly residents and causing damage, but additionally, when in full leaf, they prevent adequate daylight entering the flats.

A copy of the tree survey is enclosed. The trees are identified as T1 and T2 on the enclosed sketch.