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There are two mature Austrian Pine trees growing within the beer garden of the above public house, please find several photos and a location plan for ease of reference.

I have called them T1 & T2 and it is T2 which is causing the problems and these are as follows.

The roof valley and gutters are constantly blocked with Pine needles, deadwood and cones, please refer to pic's 2, 3 and 4. Please refer to pic 8 for evidence of damage caused by recent flooding within the roof. It is extremely difficult and expensive to constantly clear the valley and gutters. The use of a MEWP is prohibited by the smoking shelter, patio and other plants and shrubs.

The area below the crown of the tree is the beer garden and eating area, please refer to pic 7. Detritus such as Pine needles, cones and bird faeces drop onto customers, their drinks and their food.

The beer garden area has been turfed and grassed over, this has died due to shade and competition from the tree and when it rains the ground turns to mud, when it is dry the ground turns to dust, please refer to pic 7 again. I have included a photo of a garden party at the pub when there was grass, this has since died

Surface roots are an issue within the beer garden and the block paving is beginning to lift and this is creating a trip hazard for customers, please refer to pic's 5 & 8.

The tree and the pub cannot co-exist within such close proximity. Quite obviously the tree was here before the pub and in hindsight more thought could have been given to the issues raised above when granting permission to allow a pub to be built so close to a mature tree. Therefore, we are applying to fell the tree and replant another Austrian Pine in a more suitable location within the grounds and I have indicated this with a blue circle on the attached plan. Whilst this location is close to T1 you will note T1 has a one sided crown and there is sufficient room for another tree to grow with little competition.

Yours Arboriculturally,
Wolverhampton Tree Service,

Mr. R. K. Smith,
Director.



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