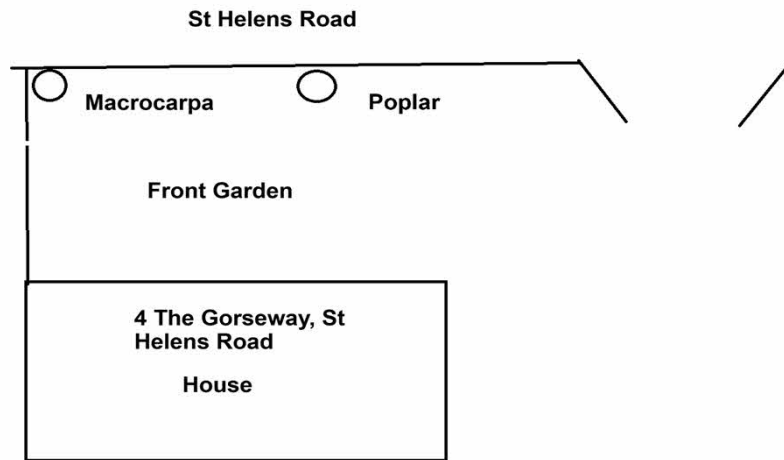


Macrocarpa at 50.788641N, -0.997941E

This tree has recently shed two large branches on the SW quadrant in the process slightly damaging the house



and badly damaging the shed under it.

The resulting wood has been cleared by Mr. Luke Smith of Fellwood Trees. At the same time he inspected the tree and found some rot near the top of the main trunk.

Potted history of the tree. All dates are approximate.

- 1987 storm – several limbs on SE quadrant removed-
- 1992 we took possession-
- 1993/4 large limb broken off – made safe
- 1993/4 permission given by HBC arboriculturalist Mr Satow to remove the tree along with two others that were totally dead-
- at that time we felt it should be given a chance-
- 1996 top 1/3 of main trunk removed as dead and dangerous-
- 2000 branches on SW quadrant reduced by 2m to take weight out and reduce proximity to house-
- 2021 lower branches on N (road) side reduced to give more height clearance over road-
- also general crown reduction to reduce weight-

As owner (and insurance premium payer) I am concerned that the vast majority of the weight in the tree is now on the road side and will be on the leeward side in SW gales. Any other branch to break off is likely to be over the road. I do not think I should accept liability for injuries or fatalities caused by the tree.

I suggest that the tree be removed for safety reasons.

Please give this matter your serious consideration. I need a timely decision.

N.M.Lancaster

