

Solent Tree Surgeons

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ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT FOR 36, HERONS WAY, HAYLING ISLAND

The homeowner is concerned about overhang and condition of 2 no, Oak trees located within GRP6-TPO 1924.

Both trees are situated on the North boundary and alongside a ditch running East - West .

For the purposes of this report the tree to the West shall be **T1** and the tree alongside the dog-leg in the fence line will be **T2**.

T1 This is the larger of the trees with a broad spreading crown and as a mature tree is a good visual amenity and looks generally to be in good health. The reason for the concern by the householder is that there have been branches shed recently which flags up a safety issue and this is a play space for youngsters connected to the family home .

Upon inspection it was noted that there is some deadwood and dieback contributing to the safety issue.

Of course it is understood that great effort would have been made to protect the RPA during the building of the estate,

however natural water courses and levels will have changed and this inevitably affects sensitive species such as Oak.

Historically, hay storage and manure piles were stored against the tree and this can have had an effect on RPA at a time when no convention was in place to restrict such activities.

Therefore shortening back in the southern aspect of overhanging branches is recommended and crown lift over garden area of up to 6m.

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T2 This is a low grade Oak tree but within the group context contributes to the visual amenity.

Once again the branch drop has alerted the householder to a large degree of dieback which is evident and can be seen on the South , South East and Eastern sectors from low down rising to a height of approx. 10m - where the scorch effect has lessened. Recent high wind has caused shedding of branches on to the lawn area which is frequented by youngsters connected to the family home.

There is a hammerhead alongside the Eastern aspect of the tree which facilitates parking (generally overnight) and is a play area for youngsters when no vehicles are parked.

Historically on the S.E and E aspect , directly under the tree was a stable where hay and feed were stored and root morphology may have been affected by this.

This S, S.E., and E aspect of the tree requires regular arboricultural assessment based on levels of access, usage and exposure of people to hazard, due to the presence of such dieback.

With this in mind a recommendation to reduce all branches overhanging the garden to a height of 10m may be necessary to eliminate overly frequent Arboricultural checks and also extend the useful life of this tree.

Summary of tree survey findings :

Recent research has discovered that there has indeed been a fire when the stable caught fire and the fire brigade were called out, so this is consistent with the damage noted.

An ongoing programme of arboricultural observation and maintenance is highly recommended.

