

This application is submitted to seek consent to remove tree T1 as shown on the submitted drawings.

There are three reasons for applying for consent to remove this tree.

The first reason is that the tree itself is potentially hazardous in its current state. The evidence to support this comes in the form of a tree hazard survey undertaken by a highly qualified and experienced arboriculturist with up to date training and qualifications in professional tree inspection. The arboricultural report states, *"This is a potentially hazardous tree"* and recommends removal. This is the opinion of the arboriculturist based on their education, their professional experience and training.

The second reason is to prevent damage to structures - both existing and repaired. The evidence to support this comes in the form of a report undertaken by a highly qualified structural engineer. The engineer report states, *"To mitigate risk of continued damage to any rebuilt sections of wall, further widespread damage to remaining sections of wall, and further widespread damage to the adjacent garage building, it is recommended that measures are put in place to allow for the safe removal of the tree."*

The engineer is not an arboriculturist, but they raise a valid point which the arboriculturist agrees with, *"Safe removal of the tree prior to rebuilding the section of subject boundary retaining wall will also help mitigate risk of instability of the tree occurring whilst ground is inevitably disturbed to allow rebuilding of the wall."* This is the third reason for submitting the application, and the evidence to support this comes in the form of this paragraph which includes comments made by a highly qualified structural engineer and a highly qualified arboriculturist.

It is assumed that in deciding this application, the council will follow government guidance and ensure that the application is considered by a person who is suitably qualified as both an arboriculturist and as a structural engineer.