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REF – Tree Survey – Land Adjacent Properties Clough Lea

With Ref to the application for Tree Works to a Large Willow Tree (Salix Alba) on land adjacent Clough Lea Properties / West of Number 13 Clough Lea including 3 Boundaries.

The Tree lies within the curtilage of Connect Housing Association, Dewsbury.

Concerns are raised in respect of the projecting limbs over the boundaries of neighbouring properties to Clough Lea, not only this but the excessive angle the tree has adopted from its original growing points.

Although the tree is reaching maturity it is possible, believing the Willow species as a whole, limb loss and subsequent damage to properties including vehicles /boundaries would be affected by the trees angle of growth.

It requires management outlined in the request / planning application (trees) which would significantly affect its future growth including wellbeing.

I suggest the following actions should be adopted which would negate any removal, fully.

1. Crown Reduction of approx. 2 metres to any boundary.
2. Crown lifting to any limbs which encroach on the boundary but equally reduce the weight / stress on the trees angle of growth.
3. Crown Thinning – Large overhanging limbs to boundaries.

In my professional opinion the above requests are a minimum requirement enabling the tree to flourish prior to its next treatments.

I am sure that during the Planning process of Ancion Court Development the Tree was retained to be provide an aesthetic background to any such Development. The problem with this is in reality is that now Neighbours suffer as a result of this action with a tree of this size, not in full maturity being the "right tree but in the wrong place".

Yours

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