

SECTION 7

We would like to request consent to undertake minor, selective pruning to a Copper Beech tree (marked as 6 on the attached basic plan).

This tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and is due to an ongoing and significant health and safety concern. The tree in question, as are all the other trees is used on a daily basis by a large number of wood pigeons for roosting.

As a result, there is a persistent and substantial accumulation of bird droppings directly onto the patio area below including the floor and surfaces used for seating and dining.

This area has increased as the tree has grown.

The area in question is indicated as the shaded area on the attached plan. This has created the following ongoing issues:

- repeated slip hazard to the patio floor, especially in wet conditions
- daily contamination of the outdoor furniture and table eating area
- droppings landing in or on drinks and food
- droppings being inadvertently brought into the house on shoes and feet and especially by younger children
- the need for constant cleaning to maintain safe and hygienic use of this area of the patio

We understand the importance of protected trees and wish to ensure any works are;

- minimal and proportionate
- carried out in accordance with arboriculturally best practice
- no detriment to the long term health or form of the tree Proposed Works
- selective thinning of upper and outer canopy currently used for roosting that overhang that specific part of the patio area previously mentioned
- removal of minor overhanging branches directly above the specific area of the patio