

Please see photographic evidence below to guide issues and dangers.



As can be seen from the first photograph looking down Dunbottle Lane towards Church Lane, it is highly visible that the trees furthest extent towards the house is very close. After digital measurement it's closest branches are within 1 meter and leaves measure at 0.69 meters. This shows that the trees furthest reach is no more than a meter away at the lowest branch 3.5 meters from the grass ground level (photograph two) from the rear elevation of the building.



As over the years trees with TPOs have fallen, luckily towards the road and no injuries reported to date, this doesn't mean that it will not fall towards the house and where I sleep. This causes undue anxiety and stress when going to sleep, especially in high winds as you would probably agree. The tree from the Dubottle Road view rightly shows how close it is at its lowest branch is towards the house which is of great concern.

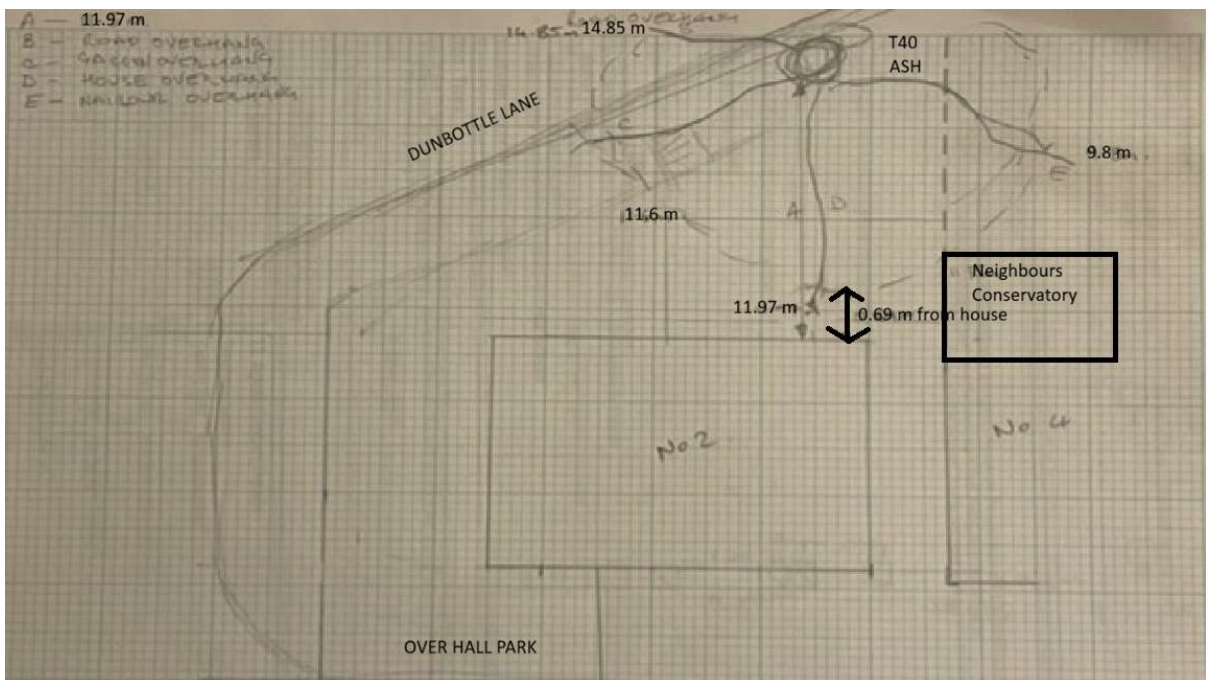
Due to the location of the tree and its large reach in to number fours property (photograph three) extends a great deal in to their property line, it is also concerning that it could well fall towards them and cause damage or danger to life also.



The branches are extending exponentially towards the dwellings of both number 2 and number 4. This is causing reduction of light to both properties at both ground and first floor level. Without a reduction of the branches, I feel there could be a risk of damage to said properties, personal physical danger and in turn a reduction of valuation to both properties and sale in the future.

There has also been a remarkably large increase in bird excrement to the extent that clothes cannot be dried in both properties back gardens. It effects both dwellings in spring and summer to the extent we receive complaints about it from our neighbours. The amount of excrement around the back garden causes a great deal of cleaning and management every year eventually causing damage to the work that has been done to improve the garden. As you can imagine this can be a very unpleasant job on a continual basis and a health hazard in doing so.

In accordance with your application requirements, you require guidance using a diagram which is shown below along with a google maps satellite view.



We have taken measurements to identify the size and extent / position of the tree in relation to both properties in this instance. As can be seen from the diagram the trunk external circumference is 11.97 meters from the property at its closest position to it. The furthest extent branches on this side are 0.69 meters from the building and below the first-floor main bedroom window at the back right of the building.

Indeed, very close depicting that if there was to be an incident, the tree would clearly destroy one third of the back of the building without issue maybe more. Other measurements have also been taken to identify as close as possible the reach of the furthest foliage to get a good assessment of size and reach.

In relation to your guidance document, we are asking for two items to be carried out as follows;

- Crown Thinning, After consulting with an authorised Tree Surgeon as stated in the request, they advised that it requires considerable thinning to allow for air flow to reduce tree sway and flexing, allowing air flow to move more freely rather than hitting the tree.
- Crown Reduction, the same consultant advised that it is too close to the building in its reach and could do with 10 – 20 ft in reduction around the tree in order to keep it balanced.

I would appreciate your consideration and the serious concerns and circumstances I have to manage yearly and for future generations to preserve the longevity of the tree and properties surrounding it.