Trees Planning

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Dear Trees Section,

I am writing to request consent to carry out limited pruning works to a protected tree at my property, **8 Knowle Road, Kirkheaton, HD5 0DW**. I would be very grateful if this could be treated as a matter of urgency. I have attached a picture of where the issue is.

The issue
The branches of the tree, have grown into and are now resting on my telephone line. The weight of the branches is causing the line to sag. An Openreach engineer attended and confirmed that contact with the branches is the cause of the ongoing fault with my broadband connection. The engineer has advised that the line needs to be replaced, but this cannot be done safely until the branches are cleared.
Why this is urgent
I work from home on a regular basis and depend on a reliable internet connection to do my job. The current fault is causing considerable disruption to my work, and the situation will continue until the line can be replaced.
The proposed works
I value the trees and wildlife in my garden and want to keep any work to the absolute minimum. I propose to:

- Engage a qualified, insured professional tree surgeon to carry out the work
- Prune back only those branches in contact with or overhanging the telephone line, by no more than 1 metre from the line.
- Carry out no other works to the tree, so that its health, shape and amenity value are preserved.

Once the branches are cleared, Openreach will be able to replace the line.

I would welcome a site visit from a Tree Officer if that would help. If there is a quicker route for minor clearance works of this kind I would be grateful for your advice.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Kind regards,
Matt Child