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Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Areas

We seek consent to remove the two Leylandii trees located immediately adjacent to the front entrance of the property. Although these trees are not subject to individual Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), they are situated within a designated conservation area. The Leylandii trees are marked in ORANGE on the sketch.

The proposed removal is necessary for the following reasons:

1. Safety Hazard – The trees' root systems have lifted and distorted the front pathway, creating a clear and increasing trip hazard for residents and visitors.
2. Loss of Natural Light – Their height and dense evergreen canopy block a substantial amount of daylight from entering the principal ground-floor rooms, significantly reducing natural light within the home.
3. Obstruction to Disabled Access – The trees impede the use of the handrail which is used to provide safe and supported access for elderly individuals in my family with mobility difficulties.
4. Poor Condition and Visual Impact – The trees have been poorly trimmed and maintained by previous owners, leaving them misshapen, unbalanced, and visually intrusive.
5. Impact on Existing Landscaping – An established and attractive climbing rose is trained across the front of the building, but its growth and display are increasingly obstructed and overshadowed by the Leylandii, limiting its development and undermining the positive contribution it makes to the property's appearance.

In light of these safety, accessibility, amenity, and visual considerations, we believe the removal of the two Leylandii trees is justified. Their removal will enhance both the usability of the property and the overall character of the conservation area.

With best wishes,

Guy Barrett







