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Luddesdown Rectory
Luddesdown Road
Luddesdown
Gravesend
DA13 0XE

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Dear Holly,

RE: Tree Inspection, Luddesdown Rectory, DA13 0XE,

Further to my recent visit to your property, I am writing to confirm the details of my inspection of two trees on the boundary of your property.

Both trees are in a narrow strip of land between the property and road. They grow very close to the building and boundary wall of the property.

T1 Holm Oak – is a twin stemmed tree, forking just above ground level and has very poor form, being suppressed by the adjacent beech, T2. The T1 tree is causing visible cracking to the wall, which wraps round three sides of the tree, to the right of the gate (see photo below). It will continue to cause damage to the wall and destabilise it as it grows. As it is so close to the wall there are no pruning options to prevent further damage to the masonry and removal is advised.

T2, a medium sized beech tree is just to the south of T1. It grows within a few inches of the building wall to the east. The tree also has poor form as it bifurcates into two trunks at approx. 15ft and has power lines running through it. The building roof is damp and heavily covered in moss due to the overshadowing of the trees. Whilst there is no visible structural damage to the building currently, the close proximity of the tree is highly likely to cause damage in the future. As a preventative measure I would also advise that this tree is removed.

To mitigate the loss of the two trees I would suggest that two replacement trees are planted to the north of the gate by the boundary wall but far enough away so as not to damage the wall as they grow. These trees will be near to the road so highly visible and provide good amenity for passing members of the public. The trees should be minimum 12-14cm girth and suggested species are Copper Beech and Pin Oak.

Regards



Nick Winram, BA (Hons), TechArborA

T1 Wall damage and poor form



T2 Poor form, proximity to building and heavy moss growth

