

Greenacre Trees – Removal and Lopping Reasons

The numbers below refer to the numbered photographs and to the locations on the uploaded Google Earth plan. Tree No 4 and subsequent numbers are all more than 50m from the road with which the driveway in photos 1 – 3 connects.

1. Walnut. This rather ungainly walnut has spread to obstruct the drive over which we have access to the point of being a significant obstruction for any vehicle higher than a car. It is little more than an overgrown bush with several trunks growing at different angles. It also beginning to obstruct the public road at the end of the drive. The tree stands in the garden of Green Farm House whose owners wish to keep it and are agreeable to our proposal to remove those branches obstructing the drive immediately and to remove lower limbs/trunks so as to encourage the most vertical trunk to become the main one, and over a period of years to raise the crown by lower limb removal to provide 4m clearance above both the drive and road..
2. Unidentified bush in neighbour's garden which has begun to overhang the driveway and now has a stem exceeding 75mm diameter.
3. Holly. This tree is obstructing the drive for higher sided vehicles. The tree stands on adjacent property Green Farm House's garden but we have rights over the use of the drive and wish to cut it back so that it does not obstruct high sided vehicles of which we have one. The owners value the screening effect of the tree and are agreeable for it to be shaped into a form of one-stemmed hedge, parallel to the drive and clear of traffic. Proposal: cut back clear of the drive, cut back on Green Farm House side to maintain balance, trim east and west extremities for tidiness.
4. Crab Apple. This crab apple tree used to produce a carpet of crab apples which was a lot of work to clear up and it obstructed the drive for high sided vehicles. It is now overgrown with ivy and obstructing the drive again. Removal proposed. On either side are holly bushes which we should like to have designated as bushes so we can regularly trim it and keep it in shape to a reasonable height of 3 – 5 m. whilst not obstructing the drive.
5. Walnut. I relocated this tree as a seedling but that was a mistake. It has become bent and will become out of place in the garden. The lower limbs obstruct lawn mowing and the pathway. We should like to designate it a bush so that we can keep it trimmed annually to a height of no more than 4m, alternatively removal.
6. Damson. This is an outgrowth from the hedge which has been allowed to grow unchecked. It is out of place in the shrub border where it is growing, produces minimal small fruit and will only get bigger. Removal proposed.
7. Ash outgrowth adjacent to hedge and from within the hedge. Propose trimming back to hedge dimensions.
8. Copper Beech. This is tree regrettably both saps nutrients from and shades the greenhouse and the vegetable plot behind the greenhouse. As an alternative to complete removal, we would prefer to reduce its overall size by about 60% whilst retaining its shape. Removal consent was granted in 2009 and about 2017 but after removing several limbs, the work was not completed within the permitted time scale.

9. Bay Tree. This is an overgrown bush which requires overdue cutting back to a size in keeping with the garden.
10. Apricot. We planted this about 5 years ago but it has always been sick and is now totally dead. Removal proposed.
11. Magnolia. This is a garden bush and has become overgrown. Proposed reduction of crown by 1.5m and trimming limbs to provide an attractive and natural-looking shape.