

Town Meadow Trees

Background

We have received two requests from residents in Oaklands to thin out two trees in Town Meadow which impact on their amenity in terms of light and tv signal. Neither tree has been picked up in the latest tree inspection as requiring work so this would be to solely to benefit them. There is no budget left for 2022/2023 to make a contribution towards this work.

Resident 1

Hello. I live in the Oaklands estate (GU31 3RD), my house backing onto the town meadow. There is a very large sycamore tree along the park path that partially hangs over my garden and blocks a lot of sunlight from my veggie patch and flowers (not to mention dumping a ton of leaves and various other bits onto my garden as well). Is it possible to have the tree trimmed a bit so it doesn't cast so much shadow on my garden?

Resident 2

We live in Oaklands and our town-house backs on to the Town Meadow Playground. Unfortunately, the massive horse-chestnut tree positioned next to the playground is causing us some inconvenience. Firstly, its growth is screening sunlight from our garden and interferes with the tv signal at certain times of the year. Secondly, the weight and depth of branches really needs cutting back. The tree is screening a lot of light from our garden and has made the bottom half of the garden constantly in shade for the majority of the day.

I believe you are visiting my neighbour next Monday at number 31 Oaklands to follow up their letter sent to you. We have lived in Oaklands for over 5 years now and we have never seen an arboriculturist working on reducing the weight and depth of branches. This really is a massive tree and my personal opinion is that it needs cutting back. As I mentioned earlier in this letter, our garden is severely shaded by its growth and spoils what could be a reasonably sunny area in our garden with our greenhouse not getting reasonable sunlight either. I attach some photos for your interest.

RECOMMENDATION: Arrange to meet Council approved tree surgeon and residents and obtain quote. Any such work to be carried out at residents' expense.