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To Whom it may concern,

May I introduce myself firstly, My name is Danny Porter, of D Porter Contracting. Providing Tree surgery and landscaping. I have worked in the arboricultural industry for 11 years.

We have been approached by potential clients:

Fiona & Andrew Mcmanus
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Regarding arboricultural works to three of the five mature trees to the rear of their property. All trees are under TPO status.

The works in question are as follows:

- (Picture 1,2) Crown raise of mature, specimen Oak (*Quercus Robur*), 15% reduction in canopy, crown lift and full crown clean.
The tree is in fine health, in vigorous leaf. There is the usual dead wood found in oaks, following sacrificial limb fall. The applicants have young children playing under the canopy of the trees. Dead wood has fallen in the past. They are concerned as to the tree dropping further deadwood and potentially causing a health and safety issue. Lack of light into the garden, during the growing season is also an issue for the clients. The 15% reduction will allow more light into the garden.
- (Picture 3,4) Removal of a mature Beech (*Fagus Sylvatica*). The tree in question has received basal damage in the past. Through strimmer or other machinery damage. The tree has calloused over, at the wound. However the heartwood shows signs of Turkey tail (*Trametes versicolour*) fruiting bodies. Turkey tail is saprophytic. I believe that the integrity of the tree has been compromised by the basal damage and subsequent fungal decay. Although currently in full leaf and apparent fine health. I have advised that in years to come, the degradation in the trees overall health, further to the damage, could cause a safety issue. The clients have requested that the tree be removed, allowing light through the canopy. A replacement specimen 15' beech tree can be planted as a replacement if you should desire, following the removal?

- (Picture 5) Crown lifting of mature oak tree. The tree has branches down to within 5' of the ground. One of their children's friend's ended up injured, last winter after running into the bare branches and scratching their eye. I have advised a crown lift to 15' and full crown clean to remove dead wood through sacrificial limb drop.

Pictures have been attached of the trees in question, including proposed limits of pruning marked in red. I have attached a layout plan of the trees and location.
The proposed works will be carried out after leaf fall.

Regards

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