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# TREE WORK ASSESSMENT

DATE INSPECTED: 9 & 16 May 2025

TPO: 7/19/3/241 34 Moor Field, Whalley Tree Preservation Order 2025

CONSERVATION AREA: No

APPLICATION NO: 3/2025/0149

SPECIES: Oak

BS5837 CAT: A ASSESSOR: A Shutt

SIGNATURE: LH

## VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT / COMMENTS

T1 Oak is a specimen example of an English oak (*Quercus robur*) and has been well managed by the owners and a local arborist for the past 15 years. The tree has recently been protected but due to a change of target area the neighbouring property and a subsequent tree report submitted to the application the tree requires some remedial works, please see an excerpt of an email to the applicant below for more details:

T1 would benefit from a crown clean, which will include the removal of any significant deadwood >200mm, 10% crown thin and remove the 2 weakest crossing branches to minimise failure into your garden and the need to remove all 4 in the future. I disagree the secondary limb to the Northwest side pictured in 3 & 4 or the report is cause for concern at this point, primarily due to the fact it does not overhang your garden and if it was to fail it would land in the field. Having carried a further inspection, the limb looks healthy and has reacted to the historic pruning wounds both through compartmentalisation and growth direction. The limb is an important part of the trees natural form and contributes to T1's amenity value.

For the avoidance of doubt, the change to the description of works (DoW) I feel are appropriate are:

"T1 - Oak Crown clean canopy removing any significant deadwood >200mm, 10% crown thin and remove the 2 weakest crossing branches to minimise failure onto the applicants garden and the need to remove all 4 in the future."

As I reiterated on site, mature tree management has to be carried out gradually and methodically to minimise destabilising the tree and having a detrimental effect on their health and amenity value. The works I have outlined above form part of sound arboricultural management techniques and will not affect the overall amenity value of T1.

<b>RELATED ISSUES:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Planning Application		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highway issue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statutory Undertaker		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Damage to property (proven)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health & safety issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nuisance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (describe)*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Tree Management					

<b>AMENITY EVALUATION:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
Carried out	N/A	N/A		
Necessary	N/A	N/A		

**Application works appropriate? YES**

**Why?**

As can be seen above, a change of description of works has been agreed upon that will enable the tree to be pruned to minimise the probability of failure but not affect the trees amenity value.

**Alternative works more appropriate? NO**

**Describe Alternative Works:**