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Subject: FW: Tree works at Magellan Way

From: johnr
Sent: 20 April 2015 09:27
To: 'Tom Torc Ecology'
Subject: RE: Tree works at Magellan Way

Hi Tom

As I recall from discussing Plandescil's tree maintenance works report dated March 2015 with the author, the only work required at this time is to tree 6 where it overhangs the highway, and to tree 7 (willow) on the trunk nearest the highway, only above the pollard, to help reduce canopy weight where the elderly trunk is tending to lean towards the highway. No works are planned to the un-numbered ash tree in your photos. The tree surgeon will be advised to avoid disturbing any dense ivy on the trees. Trust this clarifies.

Best wishes

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From: Tom Torc Ecology [mailto:tom@torcecology.co.uk]
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To: johnr
Subject: Tree works at Magellan Way

Hi John,

It was nice to meet you on Friday and I hope you found our meeting helpful.

Regarding the tree works I re-inspected the trees that you need to work on:

Tree 6 (Ash) – This is the tree in the north-east corner of the site. There are no specific features suitable for roosting bats, however the main trunk (within the site) has dense ivy cover which could conceal features of interest. As none of the branches overhanging the road have features suitable for roosting bats so they are fine to be removed. However, care should be taken to avoid disturbing the ivy on the main trunk.

Tree 7 (Willow) – This is the large multi-stem willow. Many of the main trunks have deep fissures which could support roosting bats, although I found no evidence of bats when I inspected the ones that I could reach from the ground with an endoscope. I am a little unclear as to what arboricultural works are actually planned on this tree as none of the branches were overhanging the road or site boundary. Could you please ask the arborist to clarify this? If they are just planning on removing some of the branches above the pollarding then this should not be an issue, but we may need to carry out a climbing inspection and/or nocturnal survey if any of the main stems are to be cut into.

Un-numbered Ash tree – This tree does not appear to have a numbering in the report but is located to the south of tree 6. It divides at the base into two main stems the larger stays within the site and the smaller has a limb which overhangs Magellan Way. The stem within the site has a large crease which could be suitable for roosting bats, however as neither the stem nor any of the associated branches overhang the road I presume no works are planned. The other stem does have some ivy cover, however the limb overhanging the road is thin and does not have significant bat roost potential. As long as no works are planned on the stem with the large crease then there are no issues with removing the limb which overhangs the road.

I have attached photos of each tree with my comments. I have more photos if anything needs clarifying.

Regarding the other surveys there was no evidence of water vole or Japanese knotweed on site.

Thanks,

Tom

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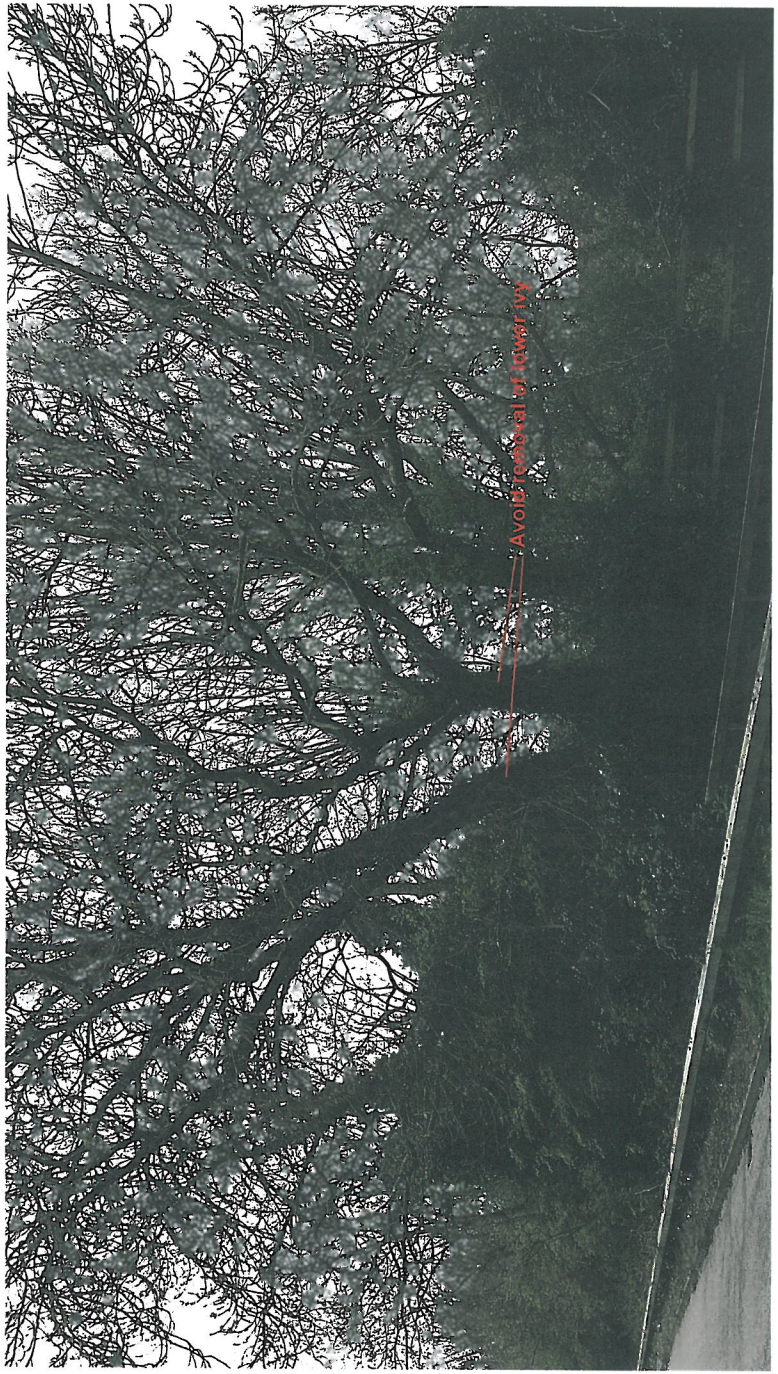
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Are works required on this tree as none of the branches overhang the road? If so, there are no issues with removing the branches above the pollard but any works to the main stem will require discussion


Avoid removal of lower ivy