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T1 - sycamore trunk (6m) - take down to ground level.

T1- Spruce tree rubbing on neighbouring garage- (18m)- Reduce height by approximately one third to reduce wind resistance and movement of tree, approximately 3m reduction.

T1 This tree has evidently been reduced in the recent past but we can find no application to prune it. From the photos, there would appear to be regrowth, so it is unclear why it should be taken down to ground level.

As can be seen from the satellite view, the tree provides screen and visual amenity for the allotments behind.

We object to the felling of this tree.

T2 Please note that a one third reduction of an 18 foot tree, is 6 metres, not three. This would be a major reduction to a tree which can be seen from the public highway and whose contribution to the visual amenity of the area is even greater in winter than it is now.

We are not experts but we understand that it is unwise to prune the central leader of a spruce tree, which will alter its distinctive shape and lead to an unhealthy tree.

We would find it acceptable if the applicant merely raised the crown, or removed the lower branches impacting on the neighbouring garage.

We would ask the Tree Officer to contact the applicant with a view to negotiating a more acceptable tree management approach

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