

- · The proposed works
- · The trees affected including species and location

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To mitigate these risks, I recommend a 30% (5m) crown reduction to restore canopy balance and encourage the natural retrenchment of the lower canopy. Despite the current structural concerns, the tree remains in relatively good health and retains significant amenity value. Common Oaks are well-adapted to crown reductions, as they naturally retrench in later stages of life as a survival strategy, prolonging their lifespan.

The proposed reduction will not only support the tree's longevity but will also significantly reduce the likelihood of structural failure near a public area, ensuring safety while preserving its ecological and aesthetic contribution.

VTA TREE SURVEY & REPORT STONELEIGH WELSHPOOL attached to application.

Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order should be numbered according to the First Schedule of the Tree Preservation Order. For example - T3 oak; two beech and one birch in G2.

You must identify the trees on a sketch plan showing the location in relation to building(s), named roads and boundaries.

Please state the reference you have given the plan (as described above)

Tree Protection Order 205 Single, Oak, 15, Redbank, Welshpool.

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore:

- indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should:
  - o mark and name surrounding roads
  - o sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties
  - o add house numbers or names
- mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work
- identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s)
- if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by:
  - marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work
  - o showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings
  - o adding other relevant features on the site (e.g. greenhouse, paths)

If it is impossible to identify the tree(s) accurately on the plan (e.g. because they are part of a woodland or group of trees), please identify their approximate location on the plan and provide details of how the tree(s) are marked on site (e.g. high visibility tape, tree tags, paint, etc); trees must not be marked by scarring or cutting into the bark.

## Trees - Reason(s) for work(s)

Please state the reasons for carrying out the proposed works on the tree(s)

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