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Description

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Tree Removal Recommendation ReportSubject: Thuja Tree – Courtyard Garden

This report has been prepared to assess the condition, positioning, and impact of a medium-sized Thuja tree located within a confined courtyard garden, and to support an application for its removal.

OverviewThe tree in question has outgrown its setting and is no longer suitable for the space it occupies. Positioned within a small raised bed and in close proximity to both a boundary wall and the main building, it presents several ongoing and potential issues that are unlikely to improve with time.

Key Concerns

Proximity to Structures:The Thuja is planted extremely close to the house and adjacent wall. Its root system is restricted by the raised bed, which can lead to instability over time. Should the tree uproot or fail, there is a significant risk of structural damage to both the building and the boundary wall.

Leaning Growth Habit:The tree exhibits a noticeable lean toward the property. This adds to the concern regarding structural safety, particularly in adverse weather conditions.

Light Obstruction:Due to its size and density, the tree blocks a considerable amount of natural light into the garden and adjoining property, reducing the usability and enjoyment of the space.

Nuisance Factors:The tree provides a roosting site for birds, resulting in persistent fouling of garden furniture and surrounding areas. This has become an ongoing maintenance and hygiene issue for the occupants.

ConclusionGiven the confined setting, structural risks, and negative impact on the amenity of the space, the Thuja is no longer appropriate for retention. Its removal is considered both reasonable and necessary to prevent future damage and improve the usability of the garden.

Proposed MitigationTo ensure the character and ecological value of the garden is maintained, it is proposed that the removed tree be replaced with a smaller, native species. The replacement tree would be carefully selected and planted in a more suitable position within the garden, allowing for healthy growth without compromising nearby structures or light levels.

This approach balances the need for safety and practicality with a commitment to maintaining greenery and supporting local biodiversity.

Notes

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