



A large semi-mature tree with roots causing infrastructural damage to the location

Root damage to adjacent infrastructure is very common, and this particular project demonstrated just how intrusive tree roots can be. Removal of a tree has to be considered carefully too, so not to create a void which could see subsidence. Trees can be intrusive, but also provide a level of stability in an established location.

The project

This beautiful semi-mature Cedar tree was located in our clients front garden adjacent to the public highway. It was positioned on a raised bank area between between our clients drive and the neighbouring drive and located right next to some drains. The roots were causing substantial damage to the driveways and public footpath. There was also concerns about the drains which could have some structural damage to the out walls.

Sadly the only option was to remove the tree to prevent further damage. The work entailed making sure we created a safe environment for those using the public path and highway. With a limited area to work in, we cordoned off the area. We used the access platform to gain safe and remove all the branches, dropping them onto the grass area below. The trunk was then dismantled in small discs and the stump ground down, removing surplus mulch to leave the site level, neat and tidy. This job took only a day, and the client was delighted. On completion, you would not have known a tree had been there.

The outcome

It is always challenging to decide to remove a tree, but infrastructurally, this tree was undoubtedly damaging with its extensive root growth. However, now the tree is removed, works can commence making the necessary repairs to paths and drains. As well as removing the worry of what other damage could occur, our client also gained some additional sunlight.

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