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Attention Mr James Gant

Dear James

Further to my site visit and our conversations regarding the relocation of 10 trees on the above site I am pleased to confirm the following:

All trees are of a suitable size and in an appropriate location to be moved using our 2.15m diameter tree spade (picture attached).

Whilst it is best practice to carry out some sort of root pruning at least one growing season before moving the trees in common practice this is rarely done. It is seldom the case that a development has the length of lead in time required to allow for root pruning to take place and root pruning during the growing season can do more harm than good. Root pruning is a 'nice to have' not a 'need to have' option.

The best time of year to move trees is when they are dormant (typically October / November to March / April) and the optimum time to move the trees is late autumn, just as they begin their dormant period. Subject to planning this is achievable on this project.

It is best to allow for a crown reduction on the trees following moving, this reduces the amount of canopy that the tree is trying to support with it's reduced root system. On this scheme the Tilia, which are one of the "easier" species to move, respond well to pruning. The Cedrus can have it's lower whirl of branches removed to compensate.

Trees will need maintenance for at least 3 years after moving and they will have to be overhead anchored (these anchors can be removed at the end of the third summer). Maintenance is mainly watering the trees but we will also attend to the guy wires, carry out any light pruning to epicormic growth and annually feed the trees with a soluble slow release fertiliser. In the first summer after moving (2022) we would carry out 12 visits between the beginning of May and the end of September, in the second summer it would be 8 visits and in the third summer 4.

In terms of a replacement policy, I suggest that any tree that fails within years of moving is replaced by a specimen tree 30/35cm girth (for the Tilia) or 4.0 - 4.5m tall (for the Cedrus). Those trees should then be covered by a 3-year maintenance and replacement warranty themselves.

A quotation will be sent under separate cover

Yours sincerely



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*Civic Trees 2.15m Tree Spade*

