

Hi Graham,

I have inspected these trees as requested.

In my view, both trees should be removed. The one at the southern end of Piercy End outside No 48 has extensive decay in a number of limbs and these will eventually fail.

The one outside No.43 Penny Piece has been pruned very poorly in the past, which has created a weak union and I would therefore recommend this is also removed.

A third Birch located on Market Place near the junction with Crown Square, though safe and reasonably healthy, is a poor specimen for a street tree so you may want to remove this too.

I would recommend replacement of all three with a cylindrical shaped variety such as Hornbeam.

Regards,

Alan

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Graham

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