



Licence No. AC2353

Our Ref: 10994WTC-QED  
28 September 2020

John Hickman  
Operations & Estates Officer  
Witney Town Council  
Town Hall Market Square  
Witney  
OX28 6AG

Dear John

**Re: Queen Emma's Dyke - Tree numbers 277, 280 & 281**

Following our meeting at the above location on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, please find my quotation for the arboricultural work we discussed.

**Crack willow x 3 T277, T280 & T281**

This group of trees, all of which have historically and more recently shed branches, have a combination of significant defects i.e. decay and heartwood rot of stems, compression and inclusion at stem attachments and branch cracks caused by excessive compression, tension and torsion. All these defects are common with the species hence the name Crack willow. Taking into account their size, it is highly probable that failure of stems and branches will continue and therefore owing to the unpredictable nature of the species it may be prudent to consider that the risks these trees present render them inappropriate for long term retention.

Mitigation options I believe are limited to pruning to reduce loading on parts likely to fail (the trees will need to be significantly reduced, 'Pollarded', and managed on a cyclical basis) or their complete removal, replanting with more suitable species.

**a) T277**

Remove stem to south  
Pollard tree to a height of approximately 5 metres high

**T280 & T281**

Pollard trees to a height of approximately 7 metres high

Cost = £2750.00

**b) T277, T280 & T281**

Section fell trees

Grind out the remaining stumps to a maximum depth of 30cm  
Remove excess grindings and backfill with topsoil to level ground

Cost = £4250.00

The above costs are subject to Vat @ 20%.

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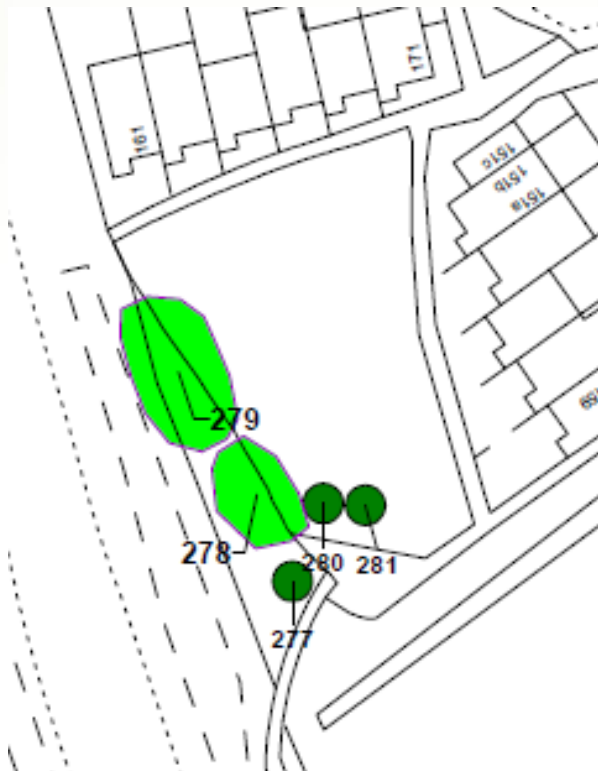


T277 Crack willow



T280

T281



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T280



T281



If you find this quotation acceptable or have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul Hodkinson".

Paul Hodkinson  
Director

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