

An oak-pruning discussion should begin with the particular tree and the reason you want it assessed. Record where it stands, what you have noticed and whether you know its species. Ask the assessor to explain timing for this tree rather than choosing a date from a general calendar.

Start with a clear question

Begin by stating what you want to understand, then add the observations that led to the enquiry. Keep preferences, reported changes and an assessor's later explanation distinguishable. This leaves room for a recommendation that differs from the first idea you had for the tree.

This tree-care planning guide from Progressive Tree Service focuses on oak pruning discussion and the information needed to discuss it clearly.

The brief for an owner arranging work remotely

Label images and documents so a person away from the property can follow the discussion. Identify who is available on site and which questions that person can answer. Keep changes in the same record instead of leaving them in separate messages.

Questions to keep with the record

How does the proposed timing relate to the tree and the pruning being discussed? What information should accompany the first enquiry? Ask for an explanation that connects the answer with the particular tree https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOikoYu_9U58tVGibAgkezg and proposed work, then record anything still unresolved.

A practical next step

Send a short summary with the labelled record. If part of the situation is uncertain, identify the uncertainty and ask how it should be resolved.

Write down the explanation and any information still needed before a date is agreed.

Check that the person on site has the same scope and tree labels as the person reviewing the proposal.