

# Report on English Oaks: 19 Pharazyn Street

Feilding

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Brief: To identify the general condition of the trees and also offer information relative to historical management of the trees. Make future recommendations.

Guardian tree services have had an association with these trees for the last twenty years. It is believed that the protection order was placed upon these trees due to its possible historical significance and by the insistence at the time by the owner of the property within which the trees are contained.

The trees have undergone several pruning operations during the time which Guardian has been associated with them. This was primarily at the insistence of the neighbouring property as the trees are extensively extending over this property.

Procedures which have been undertaken are listed;

1. Reduction work from the power lines which run parallel with 19 Pharazyn Street.
2. Dead wood removal.
3. Several operations where limbs were reduced on the eastern face due to extensive growth towards the neighbouring house
4. Removal of Ivy from the trees.

The health of the trees differs. The larger of the two oaks is in good order. While it is poorly formed due to its exposed aspect it is genetically well structured having never suffered from major limb failure. Where it has been reduced back it has responded well to the pruning and therefore would be considered a vigorous tree which shows good vitality.

The smaller of the two Oaks which is located on the windward side is in poor condition. It has always struggled and shows clear signs of a fungal disorder. It has lacked the vigour of its partner tree.

Brief visual inspection of the trees indicates that they well entrenched in their location. There has been no disruption of the root plates; the trunks show no clear sign of cavities. Ivy is again invading the trunks which hide any possible evidence of movement within the root zone.

### Conclusion

In conclusion these trees would pose minimal immediate threat to the local dwellings unless the region suffers from an extreme weather event. It would be advised to consider removal of the trees from the schedule through the planning process if the historical significance of the trees cannot be proven. These trees are not of exceptional form for the type and should not be considered worthy of protection if this is the only merit which justifies there selection in the protection list.