

From: Alick Hodgson
To: Planning
Subject: Tree in garden Of 86 Chetwyn Rd

Good afternoon,

We have a problem with regard to a tree at the foot of the garden belonging to the owner of 86 Chetwyn Rd. I have copied below a picture of the crack in the wall which adjoins our gardens (we are 17, Spencer Rise). It is within a metre of the tree to which I have referred, and the cracks which are developing have most probably been caused its recent growth. I am concerned at the dangers of the wall falling particularly a personal injury. Accordingly I require your agreement for the tree to be removed.

We have also had a crack in our house which goes right through an external wall. It was examined by a chartered engineer who suggested that we have it repaired, which we have so done, but to monitor it closely. If the crack is to reappear, it is a distinct possibility that the tree roots are the proximate cause. At this stage we have met the cost ourselves as it falls within our house insurance policy excess, but if it requires more work, then we shall look to be reimbursed from elsewhere. Removal of the tree will solve this problem.

86 Chetwyn Rd is rented through the agents ParkHeath in Kentish Town (020 7485 0400) and I have been in close touch with them on several occasions over the last 4 months. They, in the person of Rees, advise that both the freeholder and tenant wish the tree to be removed as they all appreciate the danger. In previous years the tree has been pruned but this may have just been a case of where pollarding results in increased growth. It is understood that nothing can be done without the authorization of Camden Council.

Rees at ParkHeath is handling the problem and is awaiting your agreement for the tree to be cut down.

I look forwards to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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