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Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 10:28 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Jeffreys Street trees

Ref 2023/47000/T No 23 Jeffreys Street

Dear Sirs:

In response to your application to carry out tree surgery on my willow tree (T5) adjacent to the boundary wall of Origin Housing Association's parking area, I must express my dissatisfaction that there has been no preliminary contact with the Jeffreys Street residents who own the trees, to discuss the scale of the pruning and other questions.

While considering any work that might be carried out on this tree, I must request that the adjacent willow, not detailed, overhanging No 25, is excluded from pruning. This is for reasons of earlier work on the tree in 2021 when, after detection of fungal infection on the trunk about 25 feet up, it was deemed necessary to reduce its height. This drastic but essential reduction of two thirds of its trunk and most of its leaf bearing branches has left the willow very vulnerable, and removal of the remaining branches would endanger its life.

On the assumption that the access for the work will be from the northern side of the boundary wall, an undertaking to clear debris from Jeffreys Street residents' gardens would be appreciated.

I trust that the above work will be subject to the necessary supervision.

Yours, etc.