

We moved into 6B Nutley Terrace in 2021 and since then the lime tree has caused us numerous issues. It is simply a case of the wrong tree in the wrong place as the tree is located on a driveway and not in a garden. That's why if we are given permission to fell the tree then we would be happy to plant a replacement tree, Tilia Cordata Green Globe 4m, which is the same type of tree that we would removing.

The issues the tree is causing for us are:

1 - Gutter Issues - As you can see from the note from our roofer below, this tree continues to cause significant issues for us despite widening our gutters. Even with our new wide gutters we need to get our gutters cleaned monthly to avoid blockages during leaf season.

2-Gate & car issues - As the tree is located on the driveway right next to our gate this has caused recurrent issues with the gate mechanism and we clean away the leaves every day. The type of tree in this location mean that are cars are covered in sap deposits.

3-Wall and party wall damage - The location of the tree is right up close to our front wall and the party wall with our neighbour. It is inevitable that this tree will cause movement to the party wall.

We have have done our best to try and see if we can accommodate this tree over the last 4 years with regular tree trimming, but unfortunately it just isn't working and the damage to our house with the gutter issues is overwhelming. That's why we would like to plant another lime tree in a rear garden instead.

We are aware of the importance of trees for the environment and for the streetscape and that's why when we moved in we planted on our drive way 3x Carpinus Betulus 4.5m and these are visible from the street - see photo below. Additionally in our rear garden we planted a Prunus Amangawa 4m and an Amalanchier Robin Hill 3m as well as over 70 mature Carpinus Betulus.

We have not taken this request to fell the tree lightly. For the past 4 years we have tried our best to work with the tree and manage it so it doesn't damage our house, but unfortunately it's just not working. In fact when I spoke to our arboriculturalist my suggestion was just to apply for annual permission to cut back the tree, but his advice was to apply to remove the tree and plant a similar tree elsewhere. We want to support the trees, environment and biodiversity of Camden and that's why we want to plant an appropriate replacement tree in our rear garden and we have planted a multitude of trees and hedges since we moved in.

Below I have attached photos of the lime tree including close up images to show how close it is the the party wall and the front wall. I have included a photo of the 3 new trees we planted on our driveway as seen from the street.

Feel free to contact me if you need more information, additional photos or anything further.

Kind Regards,
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