

34 Twisden Road,  
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05/10/2011

Alex Hutson,  
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Dear Mr. Hutson ,

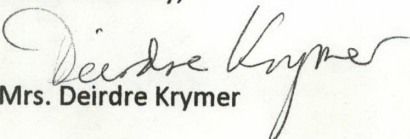
Re: Acacia Tree at 34 Twisden Road

The house which I occupy at the following address suffers from widening cracks between the main structure of the house and the original back extension. Inside the building, these cracks run across the stairwell into the bathroom and also run down from the first floor through the ground floor inside walls. There is also a gap on the outside of the building, which has at some stage been filled in (see photos enclosed), but now again opening up. These cracks are getting progressively wider.

My insurers have accepted a claim for subsidence and have carried out a soil test for tree roots and other damage. The report highlights 'damage due to clay shrinkage subsidence exacerbated by tree root growth'. The insurers require the removal of the large acacia tree at the rear of the property prior to considering superstructure repairs. Without the removal of the tree, we may find ourselves unable to insure our house. This tree is, according to neighbours, of fairly recent origin (less than 10 years) and it is estimated at 10 metres in height, but still growing. Accordingly, I wish to have the tree removed. As pensioners, my husband and I have found this whole process very stressful and want to get it resolved before the situation worsens.

I enclose copies of the information and photographs supplied by my insurers; also 1 photograph taken more recently by myself, showing wider cracking. The damage was also viewed by Tom Little of your department on his visit on 23 August 2011.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mrs. Deirdre Krymer

Copy to Cllr. Valerie Leach

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Enclosed: documentation and photographs ①-⑩