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Please see attached letter and photos.

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Dear Sir or Madam

Our property, on Regents Park Road, is bordered by Regal Lane which is a privately-owned cul-de-sac within a conservation area. Growing along our portion of the lane (it is the sole access to our garage) are three sycamores – trees which, I am told, are self-seeding, rather than specifically planted. Unfortunately, one of them is only about 7 feet away from our house, and the other two are causing our garden wall to buckle and crack. All are very tall – nearly as tall as our five-story house. We believe they are causing damage to our property on the side of the house which borders the lane (and which, in around 1993, before we owned the house, was partially underpinned – though I do not know if the roots were the reason for the movement to the house's foundation.) A month or so ago we had a blocked drain which flooded our basement. When it was clear the draincleaner told us we had damage from roots and even pulled out a large root! We have the root and can show it to anyone who wants to see it. Naturally we are extremely concerned and want to do whatever is necessary to protect our property.

On 16 March we spoke to Mathew Dempsey at your office who suggested we email you to request an inspection of the trees. Based on our own research (on the internet), and the obvious and visible pressure on our property, we think **that these trees should be felled and replaced with more suitable trees that maintain** the rural character of the lane that we, and our neighbours, all value. But obviously we want an expert opinion. Mr Dempsey explained that although trees in conservation areas are protected, buildings and houses are too and that it is in everyone's best interest to ensure that houses are well-maintained.

We understand that the inspection would be the first step. The inspectors may propose changes to the trees (felling or pruning) and at that stage we may need to contact Building Control to ensure that, should the trees remain, they are not in any way disturbing the structure of our property.

As you can imagine, this is not the first time we have expressed concern about these trees: however, as the lane is private property, in the past we have approached the Regal Lane association directly, and they have twice turned down our request to supply alternate trees. However, they do fully understand our concerns and know that we are seeking a professional opinion and whatever appropriate rectification; the Lane

Association also of course understand that nothing can be done without permission from the Council even if the lane is private. I believe they have undergone consultations in the past. We would appreciate a rapid response to the request for an inspection as the situation is becoming urgent and we face costly repairs if the foundation of our house is further damaged.

I attach several photos which I hope will be useful as you consider our request for inspection.

Yours faithfully

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