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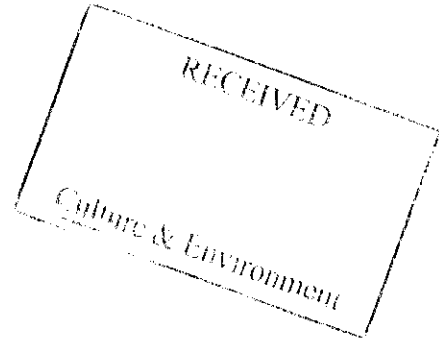
Application

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3rd June 2009

Our Ref: 2562251/CODRINGTON-FERNANDEZ



Chief Planning Officer
Development Control Technical Support
London Borough of Camden
Town Hall
Argyle Street
London
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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Tree Related Subsidence at 66 Leighton Road, London, NW5 2QE
Notice under s.211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 of intent to
Fell three trees at 64 & 66 Leighton Road, London, NW5 2QE**

We are Loss Adjusters appointed on behalf of building insurers of the above property.

It is the view of chartered engineers that the property has suffered differential movement and subsequent damage consistent with clay shrinkage subsidence.

We understand that the trees referenced in our plan as T1, T2 and C1 are within Camden's Conservation Area.

Please accept this letter as our formal notice that the works detailed below will commence on or after 20 July 2009

Tree No. (as per OCA plan)	Species	Works applied for
T1	Apple	Fell as close to ground level as possible and kill stump by application of an appropriate herbicide.
T2	Fig	Fell as close to ground level as possible and kill stump by application of an appropriate herbicide.
C1	Ivy & Clematis Climber	Fell as close to ground level as possible and kill stump by application of an appropriate herbicide.

Reasons

The above tree removal works are proposed both as a remedy to the current subsidence at the above address and to ensure the long-term stability of the building.



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The timing of damage is considered consistent with a tree related subsidence event (summer 2006).

The main area of damage is to the left and front section of property and takes the form of tapering diagonal cracks and tapering vertical cracks.

This pattern of damage currently indicates a mechanism of downwards movement to front/left corner of your home.

Engineer's local knowledge of the area and consultation with local geological maps confirms the existence of Clay subsoil beneath foundations, which is susceptible to volumetric change (The ability to shrink & swell when water is either added or removed).

We consider that Apple T1, Fig T2 and Ivy & Clematis Climber C1 are the most significant vegetation in relation to soil drying beneath foundations at the front of the property, given the very close proximity of T1, T2 and C1 to the principal area of damage and the consistency with the described mechanism of movement.

We do not consider that pruning T1, T2 or C1 will offer an effective or sustainable means of controlling their water use and therefore recommend that Apple T1, Fig T2 and Ivy & Clematis Climber C1 be removed.

Please provide your formal acknowledgement of this notice.

We trust that the above information is of assistance but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully
For Cunningham Lindsey

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