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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your letter dated 26th January 2016 has just been forwarded to me.

I am the owner of the premises at 99 Greencroft Gardens, London NW6.

I totally support the application to fell the lime trees in the front garden at 99 Greencroft Gardens, because of the detrimental effect they are having and have had on the building. I also support the application at 101 Greencroft Gardens.

My reason for feeling very strongly about this matter is that my property has suffered over the years from major subsidence problems caused by the lime trees. This is the third time that it has been necessary to carry out remedial work to the main staircase and in every flat on every floor in the premises.

Additionally now the front garden concrete and pathways are breaking up and are uneven and the front wall has been pushed down by the trees and is at an angle.

Every time (three times) long term investigations have been undertaken by experts in this field. On every occasion they have concluded that the lime tree roots have caused major damage to the building and surrounding area.

Not only has it been necessary to carry out repairs to the building, but I have also had to replace drains and pipework. The limes' roots had twisted around the drains and damaged them, with the result that these too have had to be replaced.

Even though the trees were pollarded, this made no difference, because again, within a short while, subsidence was caused again by the trees.

The tenants in the flats are living with cracks in their walls and ceilings, that keep on re-occurring, because of the lime trees and their effect on the ground and earth around them.

As well as causing damage to the building, the trees also drop a very sticky resin onto the pavement and additionally onto parked cars at the roadside. The sap is very difficult to remove and is unsightly.

There is no doubt at all that these lime trees cause and are continuing to cause a tremendous amount of damage and the cost of repairs, etc. is enormous.. Therefore there is good reason and I hope, as well as my tenants, that the Council agrees to their removal. I think it would be lovely to replace the limes with another species of tree that would give a very high level of amenity and pleasure and not cause the damage and resulting upset that the current trees do.

I would be grateful if you would kindly confirm receipt of this letter.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. Trisk