



Dear Gerry

Re: Acacia tree at 3 Pond Street, NW3 2PN

Many thanks indeed for coming to see our tree on Friday.

The tree is an acacia. It is situated in the north west corner of our property. I'm not sure how tall it is, but it is considerably higher than the roof of the 4 storey house next door to it.

As we discussed, the tree, which has for many years been at a substantial angle to the ground (around 30%, unmeasured) and which leans across our garage towards Hampstead Hill Gardens, has been moving significantly recently. We noticed it last weekend, when we were in the garden. The evidence of movement is this: about 2-3 years ago, we put up a metal archway to one side of the tree. We put it firmly in the ground, and it has not moved. At the time, one could walk through the archway without any interference from the tree. Now, one has to duck to avoid the tree, indicating that the tree has shifted further towards the ground. The movement is also substantially damaging the party wall which we share with 1 Pond Street, to the West of the garden. I attach pictures.

We are very concerned that unless something is done, the tree will continue to move, and could fall. If it does so, it would project on to the road, with the possible result of injuring drivers or passers-by, or it could fall on the neighbour's glass-roofed entry porch. We would therefore like to lop the tree as much as possible. We were proposing to take off approximately two thirds of its height, removing all of the large lower branch, and lopping the higher branch to just above the Y branches level with the roof drain on the third picture (1610) above. At your suggestion, we are contacting 3 arboriculturalists, asking for quotes to do the work.

We would like to apply for a five day notice to enable the work to be done promptly and, we hope eliminate risk of damage to people or property.

Please let us know if you'd like any further information.

Kind regards

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