



Dear Mr Remington

Today I received this information from ELF:

I have also had a look at the structural survey carried out in 2014 – is this what they are using to justify the application to fell the tree? There isn't very much in it about the tree and only 40% of the problem is assigned to the nearby "mechanical action through the root action of nearby vegetation" – so far as I can see the sycamore is not singled out as the cause. I think this survey is pretty inconclusive on the need for the felling of the tree. In fact there is nothing in the recommendations that any trees need be felled – I see the surveyors aggressive letter in Nov 2016 attempts to try and say that the Sycamore was included in their reference to "vegetation" at the time of the original survey but it just isn't. They don't mention trees at all. I wonder too whether you could ask for a tree survey to be carried out, a protected tree (TPO) of such clear amenity value to many people living in flats, it is their only visible green space and studies relate of human health and well being associated with trees – that the Council need to do more to protect this tree and the applicant's have not thus far proved the need for its removal.

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