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Attention the Tree Team:

I am writing in response to notification of this application. I am the owner of Flat No 147B and am a co-freeholder of the adjacent properties 147-9 St Pancras Way, in the garden of which properties the two protected London plane trees are located.

It is unclear which of the two trees is the subject of this application - the one on the left (when viewed from the rear of my property in St Pancras Way) or the one on the right and I would appreciate clarification.

There was a previous application to remove overhanging branches from the right-hand tree, which came from Harrison Housing, also in relation to property in Rousden Street. That work was carried out on June 1st 2013 by Gary Woods Arboriculture, but instead of just the overhanging branches being removed, the tree was completely pollarded whilst it was in full leaf, thus providing a stark contrast to the other tree and depriving residents of our property of shade during the summer months and hence of some hours of use of our garden (see attached photographs). I protested to the tree surgeons while they were working but they refused to limit the work they were doing because they were answerable to the housing association who had made the application.

During the course of their work, they dropped heavy branches down into our garden, cracking two of the paving stones in our patio (see attached photographs). After repeated requests from us, the stones were eventually replaced but do not match the rest of the patio. They also hoovered up smaller branches dropped into our garden and in the process removed most of the garden bark which I have laid down on the right hand side. I asked for this either to be replaced or that we should be reimbursed for replacing it, but could get no further response from the tree surgeons. I also outlined our complaints to the housing association but with no result.

We need to be sure that if this work goes ahead it is confined to removing only the 2 branches overhanging 11 Rousden Street as per the application, and that if any debris is to be thrown down into our garden, protective material is laid down so that our garden is not damaged again. We also need clarification on whether (as before) the applicant will cover the cost of the work, when it will be undertaken (we will need to move heavy garden furniture) and by what route the branches will be removed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Lynette Owen











