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In Reponse to Notification of Intended Work in a conservation area – proposed Tree Felling in rear garden of 6 Camden Terrace

Your Reference: 2018/0875/T

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to fell a protected Ash tree in the rear garden of 6 Camden Terrace, in the conservation area where I have lived since 1986.

Further to my email yesterday, I went to look at the house at 32 South Villas, and by chance ended up speaking to the woman whose flat has the subsidence that the insurance company suggest is caused by the Ash tree in the rear garden of No 6 Camden Terrace. It has been nine months since she first contacted them about it.

When I asked her how long the subsidence she was experiencing had been taking place, she told me that the subsidence happened mostly over the last year at the back of the house, it is much worse on the side that is furthest from the Ash tree growing at the rear of 6 Camden Terrace. She does feel that the tree should be checked as branches have fallen into the garden, but does not feel it is the main reason for the structural damage.

The insurance company also suggest felling the cherry tree at the front of the house too as there is some shift of the front porch.

If this subsidence has mainly happened in the last year but that and the surrounding houses have not been particularly affected before that, then I doubt that it is caused by the ash tree, which has been co-existing with the buildings for at least 70-100 years. It seems the insurance company are taking the easy way out in blaming the tree for the damage.

As stated yesterday, I oppose the planning application to fell the Ash tree at No 6 Camden Terrace, and the Cherry tree in South Villas.

Yours faithfully,

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