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**To:** Planning [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Application numbers: 2020/2301/T and 2020/2307/T

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Notification of Intended Works to Trees at 89 Priory Road (application 2020/2301/T) and 4 Cleve Road ( application 2020/2307/T)**

As the owner of [REDACTED] I would like to highlight that the Site Plan is incorrect as the trees are marked incorrectly. T1 and T2 are in 89 Priory Road while T3 and T4 are in 91 Priory Road so the tree numbering in the Site Plan is mixed up. Please refer to PRI ARB Report for a correct plan / tree numbering and amend the Site Plan accordingly.

Furthermore, I strongly object to the trees being cut at 89 Priory Road and 4 Cleve Road because of:

- 1) environmental concerns already mentioned by Rachael Baxter,
- 2) negative impact on the value of our properties as cutting the trees will erode the character of the area and the appearance of our gardens,
- 3) cutting the trees is actually not a solution to the problem.

Please see the information published on Local Authority Building Control (see the link below). If you remove a mature tree in areas of clay soil, the clay won't be able to contain the excess water and will swell - sometimes with enough force to move foundations and lift concrete ground floors, causing serious structural damage.

<https://www.labc.co.uk/news/foundations-clay-soil>

The only solution is to increase the depth of the foundation and/or strengthen/reinforce it. In addition, there might be a solution in a form of introducing a barrier to prevent the roots from affecting the foundation and the house.

We can appoint a surveyor from our side to inspect the property and the area and propose an alternative plan.

Many thanks

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