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Dear Mr Starkey

I am writing to you on behalf of your neighbours, the residents in the long Brookfield block numbers 25-56, about the Willow tree in your back garden which overhangs the boundary wall along our service road. I chair what is, in effect, the management committee of our flats.

You are probably not aware that there is some history about this tree. I understand that 15 or 20 years ago our insurers contacted yours over concerns that the invasive roots of the tree, and its natural tendency to grow towards the sun, were undermining the boundary wall and the lane. The result was that the then owners of your property had to pay 50 per cent of the cost of rebuilding the wall. They also undertook to carry out a "severe prune" of the tree every three years.

It looks to us as if a new pruning is now due. We would be grateful if you could carry it out before damage is done. We would, of course, be delighted to give access along our service road if that would help the tree maintenance team.

Please let me know if this request causes any difficulties.

Best wishes



Christopher Kelly