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Application for works to a lime tree covered by a TPO

This is a magnificent and unusual lime tree; and has a TPO.

It is magnificent in size because it was probably there when the Gloucester Avenue houses were built in the 1870s. Certainly the adjacent garages, built in the 1950s, were built round it, and houses 2 & 3 were built next to it in the 1960s.

It does contribute significantly to the greenery of Regal Lane, but it is causing significant structural damage to the garage belonging to no7 Regal Lane, from which the application for felling has been sent.

I understand that Renee Gerson, at no 3 Regal Lane [adjacent to the tree], has made two previous unsuccessful applications to have works on this tree. I feel sure that she would support the application to have it felled, as previously, on the grounds that it seriously overhangs their small, rear, courtyard; shedding branches, leaves, and sticky nectar at various times of the year as well as cutting out light. I am sad to report that, due to old age, their household is in a state of decline and care, so that I am presuming to represent their case.

Having taken over from Renee Gerson as a director of Regal Lane Ltd, I do think that this magnificent tree does warrant remedial action because it is causing structural damage to the garage belonging to no7.

It is an unusual tree in that nobody has direct responsibility for its status [possibly the Crown Estate?], as the alleyway, in which it grows, is an unregistered parcel of land. Previously, [1970s], it was under the ownership of Judge Henry Hargraves, then owner of 7 Regal Lane, who, because he regarded the tree as a liability, transferred ownership of the alley and the tree into a ltd company. But this company lapsed around 1995. So I think it may therefore have reverted to Crown Estate, without liability?

I hope this information is useful in your reaching a decision as to appropriate action for dealing with this listed tree.

yours sincerely

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