

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/4877/T	Harvey Flinder	09/10/2021 11:39:18	OBJ	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p> <p>There are a number of concerns relating to this application.</p> <p>Site visits have been compromised due to Covid 19 and so called 'digital' inspections carried out. The conclusions have therefore been limited by the on-line data which may well be deficient.</p> <p>The drains have been identified as cracked and damaged. Repairs have been recommended but not yet been undertaken.</p> <p>The presence of tree roots can be explained by the defective drains - tree roots will naturally move towards a source of water, thus the roots are not so much the cause of the building damage but co-incident to it.</p> <p>As the tree is subject to a TPO and thus deemed a valuable environmental asset, I suggest the correct course of action is to first ensure the drains are professionally repaired and tested and the tree (T1) be reduced.</p> <p>Lime trees respond well to pollarding and while this defoliation affects the environmental utility of the tree that utility is reduced rather than removed.</p> <p>With these steps completed, monitoring should continue for a further 12 months. If, at the end of this period movement has declined or stopped no further action need be taken. If the movement pattern continues then, and only then should removal be agreed.</p>
