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Application no. 2022/2105/T - Jade House,12 Lancaster Grove,London NW3 4NX

On 26 April I sent the following email to you:

"Today, I noticed that there was work going on to the hawthorn tree in the front garden of this property. As I had not seen an application to Camden for this work, I checked. The last application I could see online was no. 2012/2921/T, but when I checked I could only see the decision notice for this application, so could not ascertain the owner of the property.

I went & talked to the people doing the work - a company called Tree Matters Ltd. When I asked about planning application consent, I was told they'd been asked to do the work by Ray Jacobs and added that they had been asked to remove the ivy. I could see that they had removed a band of ivy from around the trunk, but they had also cut ivy and hawthorn branches (in bloom), which were lying on the pavement. I was then told that they were ceasing work and that there was a nesting bird in the tree!

As far as I am aware, there has been no other work done to the tree since 2012."

I received the following reply on 27 April:

"If the works are to remove ivy only, then no permission is required from London Borough of Camden to undertake this task.

Tree Matters Ltd have worked closely with London Borough of Camden on tree works in the Borough for many years, but I will double check with them to confirm that it is only ivy removal."

They stopped work after my intervention and carefully removed all the hawthorn branches (in bloom) and left the site.

I am concerned that work to this tree may mean it does not survive, particularly as it had ivy on it 10 years ago, but no attempt had been made to remove it in all that time. It seems strange that after all those years of neglect they now want to look after this tree!

Also, if there is a bird nesting in it (as I was told at the time) surely extra care is needed.

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