

**From:** Simon Kilgour  
**Sent:** 27 July 2022 09:40  
**To:** Nick Bell  
**Subject:** 13 Wilmot Place-willow tree at front

Dear Nick,

I hope this email finds you well.

I refer to our previous communications in 2020 ( pre-Covid!) from which you will recall that I informed you of a subsidence claim I had/have at the above property. The claim is ongoing and largely concerns damage caused most probably by the large eucalyptus in my garden which is subject to a TPO. The current proposal is to mitigate the tree root encroachment via resin based injection under the affected extension .

At the front of my property I have 2 trees , a flowering magnolia and a willow. This email concerns the latter which is causing material damage to the front pillar and which is in danger of collapse. I enclose photos which show the progression of this damage and the dangerous lean of the pillar. The separation of the pillar is approx. 90 mil and the deviation off plumb for the pillar is 170 mil.I hope you will agree that this is materially worse than when I first contacted you 2 years ago. It is surely a question of time before the pillar collapses. The willow will continue to grow and is invading the space of the original pillar and railings.

I would like you to consider agreeing to the removal of the willow on the basis that its continued growth is damaging to the original look and construction of the front pillar and railing and to the original look of the property when it was first constructed (without a willow tree!) .I think my property and the conservation area would look much neater if I only had one tree in the small front garden rather than 2 and where the willow is poorly positioned. Please can you give support to my proposal. Rest assured that I very much like the magnolia and wish that to remain in place. I see this as a balancing act overall and where the conservation area would not be harmed

if the willow were removed and the front pillar and railing could be repaired and reinstated to recreate the original look and feel of the property frontage.

I am happy to discuss the issue and options with you over the phone and to get your initial thoughts.

Many thanks,

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