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Subject: RE: Tree pruning

I don't know what has been stipulated by the Tree Officers as the tree in question is next door and the pruning has been arranged by the managing agents.

I wonder if a Tree Officer would be able to come and look at the tree? It's over 100ft tall at the front of the property and contributed to (but didn't cause) flooding of our basement flat last July during the flash floods, due to debris in the gutters and leaves in the drains.

We have just moved back to our flat after nearly 14 months living elsewhere while the flat was rebuilt due to the severe flooding.

We are doing everything to mitigate future issues and noticed that last week during torrential rain rain water was millimetres from entering the property as leaves were blocking the drain and the blocked gutters were causing 'buckets' of water to cascade down. Luckily we averted it in time. Of course it's our responsibility to keep drains and gutters clear but it feels like we're on a losing battle as the leaf drop is so severe (5-6 bags of leaves every week at this time of year).

It looks like if the tree crown was reduced by about a third it would be below the level of our gutters which would help in the future but I would like to have the opinion of a Tree Officer.

Thanks for your consideration.

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