

OBJECTION

ack
5/10/09.

406/121/4

35 Burgess Hall Drive
Leeds Village
Maidstone
Kent ME17 1SH

23rd September 2009

Maidstone Borough Council
King Street
Maidstone
Kent ME15 6JQ

E.P. Correspondence?	
REF.	
01 OCT 2009	INIT
CHG. DES. &	
DRAWER	

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Tree Preservation Order No. 20 of 2009

We refer to your letter dated 15th September 2009 concerning the tree on land at "Ringers", Upper Street, Leeds, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to appeal against the current preservation order, which we are amazed has been granted, particularly with regard to the tree's proximity to our property and the damage it is doing.

Our appeal against the Preservation Order is based on the following.

We have a very small rear garden which is only approximately 15 ft long x 30 ft wide.

Several years ago, we asked Ringers to do something about their trees, in particular the roots of the tree which has the preservation order; because they had grown so far into our garden and that nothing would grow within about 10ft of the roots, not even the grass. They did not take any notice of our request and our only alternative was to pave over our garden and this has also been affected by the roots.

Another problem we have is with the catkins and leaves off the tree, which, when they fall, completely blocks our soak away. We have tried to re-route the soak away so that it drains into the small pond we have across the other side of the garden, but this is not ideal, as a soak away should drain into the ground so that the water enters the water table.

This year, all our guttering had to be replaced because of the amount of catkins and leaves which had filled them to the brim, and the weight of which damaged the guttering. We have enclosed photographs showing the amount of debris which came out of the gutters.

Because our garden is so small the tree totally blocks our light and the sun during the morning. Besides this tree, the Ringers lilac tree and conifers have encroached approximately 5 ft over our land, so much so that they have pushed all our climbing roses off the arbour we have at the side of the fence and although we have asked for them to put the situation right it has not been done.

The roots of the tree have also caused cracks to appear in the side wall of our house which abuts Ringers garden and we are concerned that our buildings insurance will not cover subsidence because of the proximity of such a large tree to our property.

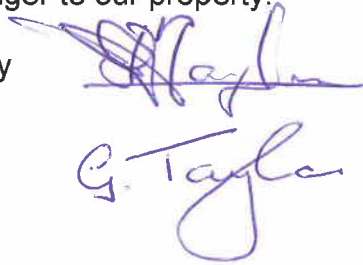
When we moved in some 25 years ago, this tree was not evident and we were not even aware of it, but over the years it has just been allowed to grow and grow unchecked and it has never ever been

seen or dealt with by a tree surgeon.]

My wife and I are both 72 years old and I have not been in the best of health recently, and I cannot continue to climb ladders in order to clean and replace gutters. As you may appreciate, we are pensioners and cannot afford to employ contractors to do the work for us. Our worry is that if my wife is left on her own, how would she cope with all the problems the tree causes to our property and garden?

We shall be obliged if you will please consider our appeal against the preservation order and objections to this tree, which in the light of the above we consider to be not just a continual nuisance but also a danger to our property.

Yours faithfully

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is 'D S Taylor' and the bottom signature is 'G A Taylor'.

D S and G A Taylor

CUTTER DOWN THROUGH DECK
OF CHICKS LEVES, ECT



01 OCT 2009	10:11
CHG. DET. E	
DRAWER	



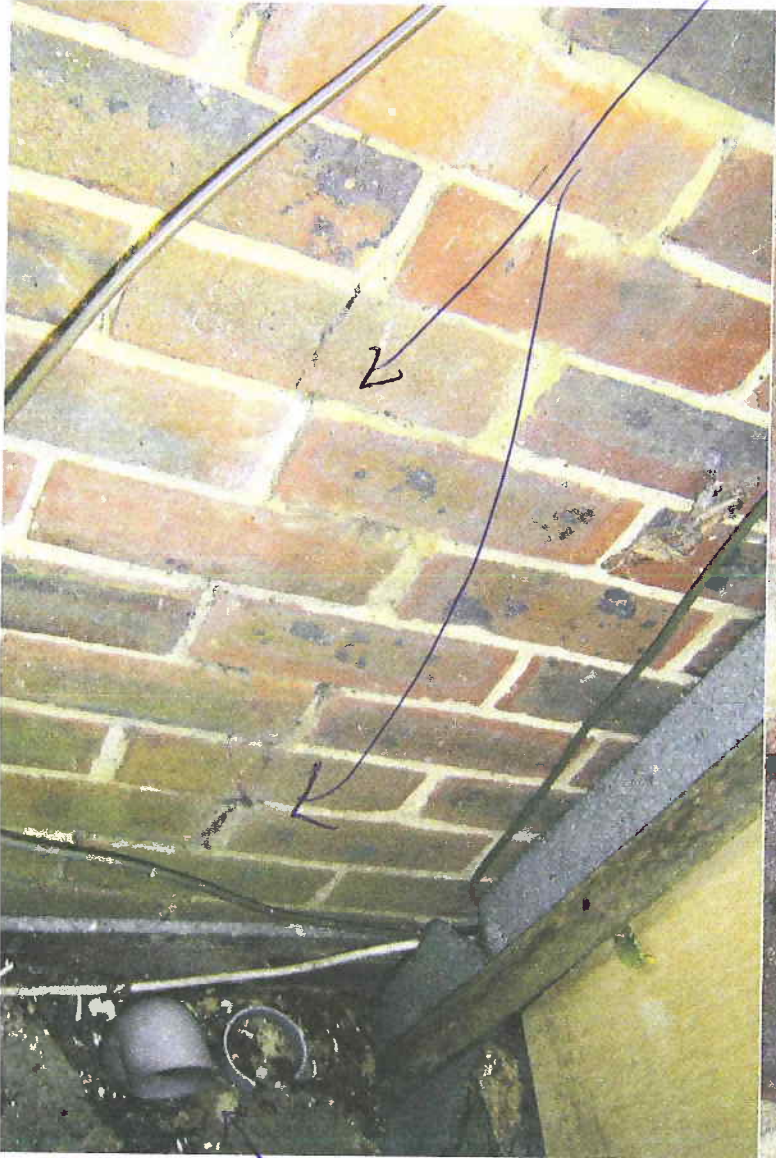
Kunges, Upper Street, Leeds
TR0 20 of 2009



1406/121/4

406/121/4

Burgers, Upper Street, Leeds
TPO 209 2009



SOAK AWAY BLOCKED.

RE-ROOTED DOWN PIPE



TO POND

CHIMRING ROSE. PUSHED OFF ARBOUR



406/21/4

TPC 2009 2009
Lampers / Upper Street / Leeds