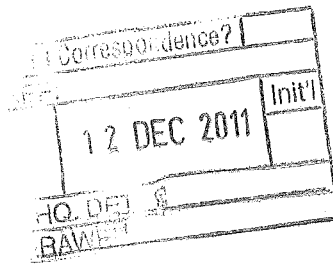


APPENDIX A
OBJECTION

objection



589 Loose Road
Maidstone
Kent
ME15 9UH
8th December 2011

Your Ref 406/100/344

Dear Sirs,

I was most surprised to receive a letter from you dated, 30th November 2011, stating that my neighbour Mr Genge, the owner of 591 Loose Road had managed to secure a preservation order on the horse chestnut tree which is 1.7mt away from my retaining wall and driveway. It was only on the 7th November 2011 I received a letter from you (protected tree checked on 591 Loose Road) confirming that the tree in question was not on a preservation order! I enclose a copy of the letter.

This has shocked and angered me. I've had nothing but trouble from this eccentric neighbour from the minute I moved into my property in 2004 and he has bullied me and most of the neighbourhood over the years. This tree being so close has always been a problem and on many occasions I've asked kindly for him to come up with a solution and compromise, but sadly to no avail. I wrote to Mr Genge on the 7th November 2011 asking for a solution, but again he ignored the situation (I enclose copy). I wrote to Maidstone Mediation for help, but there again Mr Genge refused to participate (I enclose copy of their reply).

Firstly I would like to point out that this tree is too close to my property and over the years has caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to my driveway, cracking the tarmac and lifting large chunks, massive roots are visible to the eye which are damaging my retaining brick wall. This tree should never have been allowed to be so close to my property, and allowed to grow so large. A bit of maintenance would have prevented damage (no consideration to others as usual). Over the years this tree has created a lot of concern and hard work, sweeping leaves daily in autumn and blossom in spring, I have to do this daily to make sure I am able to drive my car through on my steep driveway so I don't slide. I can never make full use of leaving my car at the entrance because of falling twigs and dead branches and heavy nuts could do considerable damage to my vehicle.

I love trees and do not wish to fell any tree but this one is in the wrong place and too close to my property, it is also too close to the main road. Falling debris is endangering the safety of the public walking under it, and often school children wait the entrance of my drive waiting for the bus so they are in danger too! I feel this tree is not old enough to warrant a preservation order and is riddled with disease, the leaves start to brown and shrink in May and June and drop off. If the tree could be felled it would be nice or at least to be trimmed professionally including roots so I would be able to have new tarmac and enjoy my property properly as a lot of home owners do. I take a lot of pride in my house and garden; please don't take this away from me! I feel strongly that a new law should be introduced which laid down new measures where these large trees could be planted, that would save a lot of misery throughout the country.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Gerard Lizzi

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