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History of the 11 popular trees/roots have caused, in the past 2 years we have all suffered flooding due to the main surface water drain that runs under these trees in the pathway/amenity land had been damaged badly so it would bloc and come out of a manhole in the back garden of 25 SILVESTER ROAD and all through the gardens of 16 16a HARTPLAIN AVE and 25 SILVESTER ROAD. Southern water have now got outside contractors to put in a new lining we all hope this will work come this winter.

The same tree roots caused the rebuilding of the garage in number 16 HARTPLAIN AVE, the replacement was built on a ring beam.

Since moving to 16 HARTPLAIN AVE we found the bath would not drain away in it taught 3-4 days for a half full bath to drain out, we had the drains cleaned but they still it would not drain out.

After having the drains fully rod through they then got a camera which proofed it was down to damage caused by roots ,due to us careering for my 87 year old mother we have been unable to have remedial works carried out ,sadly mum passed on the 13/04/2017 hence the works being started now.

The tree roots are twice the height of trees, over 60 meters.

I contacted Hampshire county council, asking them to take reasonability for the trees they refused saying it was not there land and was not adopted, although they said that HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL cut the grass.

I contacted the land register to find the owner of the trees causing damage to our home for the second time, they told me no one had claimed the land, they did say there was a way that I could manage the land and trees and fence it in to register my claim of the land in 10-15 years.

I then contacted MISS VICKY OFTEN of the estate dept.at HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL,I explained that I wanted to adopt this land to create an entrance to my allotment ,due to my on-going health problems this will allow me to use a tractor/rotervator we intend to feed ourselves off the allotment and spend the rest of our lives here at 16 HARTPLAIN AVE ,our daughter lives next-door at number 14 HARTPLAIN AVE .MISS VICKY OFTEN informed me that it was ok to have the trees cut down as there were no tpo's on any of the trees, it would cut down the councils reasonability's in maintaining the land and the trees, she explained that HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL were unable to give me written permission as they do not own the land and they have not adopted the land as they too did not want the reasonability of these trees, she did however give me a verbal agreement that HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL would not stand in it way of me making and managing the area.

The land register told me to take pictures of all the works keep receipts to fill out the forms to make the claim.

These works have cost me in excess of £12000.00 so far which is more than each section of gardens brought to form the allotment, there are strict conditions on the land so that no one can ever build on the allotment, the new fence that now forms the new eastern boundary of the footpath has been built to very high standards and should give 20 years' service to the community.

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There have been lots of compliments regarding the new boundary, and the fact that drug dealers will no longer be able to hang around the trees when the children come out of school,

And you can now see the footpath is clear right through making it much safer for everyone using it at night, if we are allowed to continue with these changes I intend to train apple and pears on both sides of the new excess way we will also be able to maintain all the trees on the east boundary thus taking away the problem of overhanging branches that are not being maintained.

