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From: Peters, Kevin [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 July 2023 13:45
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Application APP/23/00387 105 Havant Road, Emsworth

Dear Mr Haynes

Thank you for your enquiry.

There are a couple of options that are open to you, firstly you can appeal directly to the Planning Inspectorate against the decision that Havant Borough Council made, as set out in the decision notice.

Alternatively you can submit a new application with any additional evidence/ reports that you have had undertaken. Each application that the Council receives is determined on its own merit.

Should you have any further or future enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2023 14:26
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Cc: [REDACTED]

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****EXTERNAL****

Hi Peter,

We're emailing you after trying very hard through Havant Council to talk to you or plan a meeting, we understand that you are remote and are contracted in from CAPITA. It would so much easier to talk this through if you are able to call us [REDACTED]

Since the refusal of removing the lime tree less than 4 meters from our house, we have taken the advice in the report and contacted a structural engineer who has now visited us and busy writing up a report, and we need some advice on how to proceed.

In short, he has brought to our attention that the tree has already caused damage to our Victorian period property built 1890. It has sunk to the North wing of the building, causing heavy cracking down the mortar over several courses as well as the patio dropping severely by several inches along the same wall which he has explained is down to subsidence caused by the tree sucking moisture from the ground over time.

The structural engineer has made us consider our options:

- If we remove the tree the soil will naturally hold more moisture as the tree is not using it to grow and we run a high risk of the ground heaving, leading to expensive costs for under pinning.
- If we leave this massive tree in its current state, it will continue to suck out the moisture in the soil causing severe damage to the property and huge future costs.
- It would appear that the only option we have to protect our house investment, is to pollard the tree at a low level to allow it to live to keep the soil stable. But not to allow it to grow. Our arboricultural consultant has told us that Lime trees are hardy trees and aggressive growers which means we need to aggressively pollard rather than trim / manage as normal or suggested.

What is the best way forward?

We clearly don't want any public recording on the planning portal of current subsidence or future risk to our house which would risk the house value enormously.

But we do need to protect our property by taking action now and having agreement to pollard the tree.

Could you please confirm that by appealing and attaching the engineers report to this, that we could come to a quick resolution if this is acceptable to the council, rather than have to start again with a new planning process which would put us back to square one.

One other factor which we would draw your attention to in any appeal (if necessary), is the comment as to why the refusal was made, which was due to 'affecting the local amenity'. If you were to visit the site, you would see another huge lime tree in Chester close, that is touching our tree and taller in stature so there would be no material loss to the amenity, visible from any direction.

Many thanks and I look forward to your reply.

John Haynes

p.s. see pictures of our Lime Tree and neighbouring Lime Tree touching ours to show perspective on amenity.