

Personal Statement of Mr. & Dr. Patel of 2a Rofant Road, Northwood, HA6 3BE

For the trees on our driveway, there are a number of risk factors including:

1. Tree size / tree root size (T3, T4, T5, T12)
2. Close proximity of trees to the house (T8, T9, T10, T11)
3. Clay soil / Subsidence
4. Tree roots damage to drainage (T8, T9, T10, T11)
5. Damage to retaining wall adjacent to neighbour (T8, T9, T10, T11)

When group together, we believe these risks are of great concern.

Evidence includes:

1. 6th November 2012: Home report: Risk to Building: 'The property is located in an area where there is a risk of structural movement and it is important that the building is fully insured for all risks, especially subsidence, heave and landslip.'
2. 6th November 2012: Home Report: 'It is important that no further growth is allowed to the trees, further growth will encourage root spread which could cause damage to drains, paths and eventually the building'
3. Dynorod: CCTV drainage, 2019 incidents x 2. Paying for this service is significant, and is an ongoing issue.
4. Visual cracks on retaining wall and exterior house
5. Home insurers will ask 'Are there any trees taller than 10 metres (33ft) within 5 metres (17ft) of your house?' And insurers do state 'Large trees very close to properties can cause cracks and subsidence, which could affect your premium.' This does affect our property given the tree location and height.