

Mrs Barbara Whitehead – 23rd October 2019

not considered that the weight of soil is the cause of the damage; it is the continual growth of the tree and its roots which are causing of the damage.

The tree has now become much larger and poses a potential hazard to both the retaining wall and the remainder of the house. If the tree is allowed to remain it is likely that the retaining wall overtime will be so damaged as to be completely ineffective and there will no longer be an effective way to retain the earth and the soil supporting the roots of the tree. This in turn will mean that the tree could be uprooted and blow over during high winds and cause serious damage to the house which is only 5.00 metres distant.

Re-building the wall will not deal with the problem as the same damage will re-occur again in future. It would be a major civil engineering project to build a wall, which would probably have to be of reinforced concrete, to resist the forces that a tree of this size would impose on the wall.

It is noted that the Hillingdon Borough refer to the amenity value of the tree but as indicated on the photograph, it is only the very top of the tree which can be seen from the Road. (See photograph 5)

If the Hillingdon Borough refuse permission to remove the tree and loss or damage results from this refusal then you would be entitled to seek compensation from them.

We trust that the above provides the information required. Please let us know if you have any queries or if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely


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