

Meeting between James Brushwood Hillingdon council & Christine Plastow at 4 Jacks lane on Thursday 12/06/25

The tree has a TPO due to some time in the past someone trying to fell it and the council place a TPO on it to stop that from happening.

He said Artemis were allowed to remove the dead branches. ( they haven't - there are still lots )

He said the request for the work was refused by him because

Artemis requested for 2.5m off the top of the tree . That was a 3rd of the tree.

He said Alder trees are prone to internal decay , and drastic crown reduction could do 2 things , firstly weaken the structure and secondly actually make the growth more prolific and dense.

The two things we are trying to avoid.

He considered the tree to be stable , and without investigation not sure that it was actually the tree causing the damage to the pavement. Could even be the water pipe or a combination of the pipe and tree roots.

Who actually owns the pavement seems to be unclear , but to do root pruning, the pavement would have to be disturbed.

( I think that would be costly and a matter of dispute over whose pavement it is and who pays for it. )

He conceded that the tree was close to the houses and understood some of our concerns. He agreed with me, that I monitor carefully, take regular photos and if any sign of movement of the position of the tree could be seen, he personally would look at it. He has given me his direct phone line & personal email for that.

He said he would consider a new application from Artemis to

1. Perform some lateral reduction ,
2. do some crown thinning to reduce the density of the tree, and
3. to generally improve the aesthetic shape of the tree.