

I am writing to formally request the full removal of a large oak tree located in my front drive at 195 Hempstead Road. While I understand and respect the importance of preserving natural elements, especially those protected under a Tree Protection Order, I have serious concerns about the safety risks posed by this particular tree.

The tree, which is very large and in close proximity to my house, has become a cause of concern for my family's safety. During windy conditions, which have become increasingly frequent, the tree sways significantly, and there have been multiple instances of large branches falling to the ground. Unfortunately, these fallen branches have on a few occasions nearly struck my young children, aged three and one, which is extremely alarming.

I am worried that the tree, despite being well-rooted, poses a significant risk to my property and, more importantly, to the safety of my family. The frequent falling of large branches indicates that the tree is hazardous, which elevates the risk of a more catastrophic failure.

Given the potential danger posed by this tree, I am requesting permission to have it removed in the interest of public safety. I assure you that this decision was not made lightly, but with the utmost concern for the wellbeing of my family and the surrounding community. Already, a tree which was on the entrance to the driveway collapsed in 2020 taking down the lamp post and also fell right in the middle of the main road nearly killing motorists. This tree is significantly bigger and either it could cause danger on the main road or damage to my property and family.

I am willing to replace the tree in my back garden if necessary, as part of a mitigation plan.