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To whom it may concern,

RE: Removal of neighbour's tree to prevent further property and personal damage and risk to life.

Over recent months grey squirrels have been running across our roof, in an attempt to access our loft space, they have now been successful (ref:8) and have caused damage to the roofline of the property, left bacteria filled droppings in our home (ref:9) and caused damage to the roof insulation. The risk to health is obvious, particularly with three young children and elderly relatives in the home. The result has left the roof space unusable and has caused distress to the family.

Having sought advice and had multiple site visits from Macro Pest Control Limited, an expert pest control company, it was clear the route the squirrels are taking to access the roof space, is via a neighbour's overhanging tree (ref 2,3,4,5). As you will see from the enclosed report, provided by Mark Turnbull, Senior Pest Technician at Macro Pest Control Ltd, dated February 2024, the tree is clearly proving to be a problem in relation to not only the squirrels, but also the damage it is causing to the property's tiles, roofline, and the fence panel it is leaning on (ref 6 and 7). The tree is covered in moss and ivy, with branches regularly breaking and falling to the patio below, it is suspected to be dead, which poses an additional risk to safety.

Having discussed the matter with our neighbours at 28 Pincroft Wood, where the tree is situated, they agree that the tree should be removed, as it is a health risk.

I understand the area the tree is situated is protected, under the Tree Preservation Act, however I believe, in this case, this should be treated as an exception to the normal requirement to seek the local planning authorities consent, before carrying out work on the trees subject to an order, based on the tree presenting an immediate risk of serious harm and the work is urgently needed to remove that risk.

I will be engaging with a tree surgeon immediately to remove this dangerous tree, however I wanted to inform the council to ensure I am acting within the boundaries of the regulations.

Please advise me immediately if further information is required or procedure is required to be adhered.

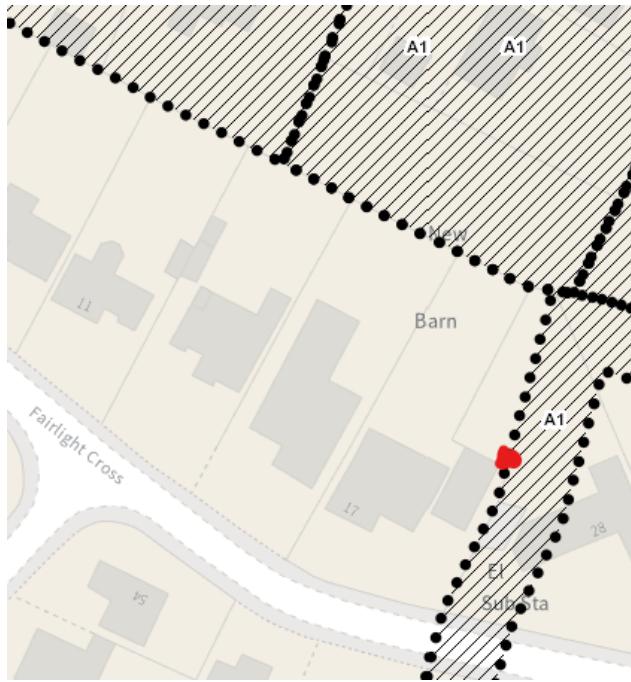
I enclosed below, supplementary information for your information.

Regards

Mr Matthew Loft

Ref 1: Letter from Macro Pest Control Limited (attached)

Ref 2: Red mark showing location of tree



Ref 3: Tree from rear



Ref 4: Tree from side of property



Ref 5: Tree from side of property (2)



Ref 6: Damage to roofline (Rear)



Ref 7: Damaged caused to fence



Ref 8: Squirrel captured in roof space



Ref 9: Droppings in roof space

