

62 Parrock Road Gravesend Kent DA121QH





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Customer Details

Inspection and Treatment Squirrel Activity

Jill Shaw 17 Fairlight Cross New Bark, Kent

Reference Number 301224

Type of Visit; INSPECTION, ASSESSMENT and TREATMENT

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Consultation with Resident, Mr Shaw

Resident alleges hearing noises in loft void above bedroom and was concerned it may be rodents and the resultant potential for spreading disease and causing damage.

Inspection

On inspection of loft void at number 17 Fairlight, there was an immediate smell of pest urine, numerous droppings consistent with squirrels and nesting using insulation cladding.

Additional observation of the property indicated that the residents waste control and hygiene level are of a high standard and has not encouraged current activity.

As with all treatment of infestations a combination of capture devices were used to gain control. Ultimately ingress points need to be located and sealed to prevent ongoing issues.

On viewing all potential ingress points around the tile base of roof it was immediately obvious that squirrels were accessing the roof void via a neighbour's tree which has grown at an angle where

large branches are resting on the roof of number 17 and when a slight breeze occurs it is damaging roof tiles again which would allow additional ingress opportunities via broken tiles.

Recommendations

In order to gain control of squirrel ingress, the tree in question which looks a obvious danger due to both the angle of growth plus the ivy growing around the entire trunk (causing stability issues) and the potential for broken tiles caused by branches – which ultimately may fall and cause injury – its recommended the tree subject to your neighbour permission is significantly cut back or removed by a professional tree surgeon.

Regards

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