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Hello, [REDACTED] I live at [REDACTED] Brooksbank, Melbourn, your neighbour.

I am hoping that by contacting you, we can resolve a situation, that has been ongoing for the past 10 years. I do hope that you will take the time to read this letter and give it some consideration.

The tree line (Beech hedge) that runs the length of the fence, has become such an issue, that I feel now is the time to contact you. I have over the last 12 years, cut back what I am able to reach, and I know that over these last 12 years, Hundred Houses and the Parish Council have also arranged to have the trees cut back and reduced in height (which I know you have been in agreement with, to have these works carried out.).

The issue now is, that neither party are able to commit to continuing these works as the tree line & the land they grow on is actually nothing to do with them, and I believe that this strip of land is under the care of Kays Close residents.

The impact that this tree line (hedge) has on us as a family and our family home is immense. We are again battling with mould and damp issues, which is a factor that having a hedge row that is so tall, completely blocks any natural daylight or sunshine from the property. The branches of the trees, now touch the side of the house, my daughters room, which is located at the back of the house, receives no daylight at all, and she now always has to have the lights on in her room, even on the brightest of sunny days.

My sons room (also located to the back of the property) also has the same issue, as does our bedroom and kitchen, both located to the front of the house. The house even during the heat waves of last year, is constantly cold and dark, with us having to keep lights and even heating on, when we shouldn't have to.

The effect of the house not getting any day light/ sunlight during the warmer months is that we have a mould situation every winter/ spring time, which has a massive impact on our health as a family, constant coughs and cold like symptoms. The outside of the house is testament, to this 'wet' environment.

The side of the house, that faces Kays Close, is now green, covered in damp spores, this covers the fences, sheds, gazebo, any non living item in the garden. Our pathways are also covered and when wet turn in to a green slime path, which is dangerous to walk on. That's not to mention the amount of pigeon faeces, that constantly cover the pathway, down the side of the house, which again is a health hazard.

If you could arrange to have the tree height reduced and the width reduced, back to your fence line, it would be greatly appreciated. As mentioned before I have tried to cut back what I am able to reach, but the trees are so tall, that the offending branches are beyond my reach.

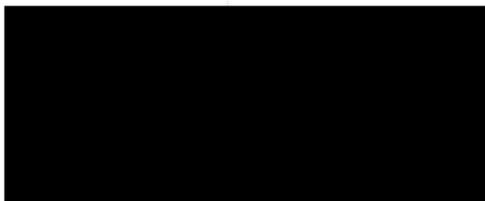
I am very aware that the land on which these trees grow, is a conservation area, but there is so much Ivy that has taken over the area, it is now choking the trees and will eventually kill them. I have a very big heart for nature and encourage bees, butterflies and birds into my garden at every opportunity, I have a horticulture background so know how important it is to have an eco friendly environment for these things to thrive. The trees are having a negative impact for any of things to flourish and thrive.

I would be more than happy to maintain a healthy manageable hedgerow, but at the height the trees are now, this is unachievable. I would be happy to help with the Ivy situation too, as this constantly grows through the fence.

I hope that you & your neighbours will give this letter come consideration, and moving forward we can create a fantastic environment for nature to flourish and our family home, to be a healthy one.

I thank you for your time, in reading this letter and should you wish to discuss in more detail how we can resolve this issue, I am more than happy for us to meet, at a time when is convenient for all parties.

Kind regards



CC. RESIDENTS OF KAYS CLOSE
CC. HUNDRED HOUSES