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From: Orchard Enterprises [REDACTED]
Date: 14/08/2020 08:21 (GMT+00:00)
To: Russell Tooley [REDACTED]
Subject: Driveway [REDACTED]

Hi Russell,

Further to my site inspection, I note that the driveway has been damaged due to the roots from the tree that is situated to the side of the entrance to the drive. Most notably the front of the drive on the left hand side (looking towards the property) where the drive butts up to the tree. The concrete block has risen approximately 6 inches at the front and 5 inches at the rear, when standing on the concrete it rocks side to side, if the roots were to continue to grow and push the concrete up further it is highly likely that you will either damage your car or your drive will become unusable (or possibly both). I also note, on the right hand side, approximately 3 meters down there is another large crack appearing in the concrete and some areas are also sinking near to the drain cover - I would assume that this is also down to the roots as further down the drive and in line with the damage as detailed above there are tree roots (suckers) that are growing's up through the drive.

I would not recommend replacing your driveway whilst the tree is still in position, any new surface will become distorted and damaged by the tree roots. If you are able to remove the tree, please contact me again and we can discuss options.

Regards

Lee Smith

Sent from my iPhone