

**Mead court, Barnham Road, Eastergate. Large Robinia Tree (TPO)**

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Cc: Ed Jay

Dear Mr Lloyd,

I have been in touch with your colleague Martyn White, about a Robinia tree. He mentioned your name and may have advised you of the situation, perhaps passing on to you the correspondence and photographs?

The tree, which is about 15m high, is in fact in my neighbour's garden (Flint House) and growing against our common boundary which is a 'listed' flint wall. Both he and I are concerned about this tree from several points of view -

1. The trunk of the tree is damaging this ancient boundary wall, which now leans over to my side; it is also only 2-3m from my house wall and I am consequently worried about the associated effects on my property from above and below, 'suckers' appearing periodically.

2. The tree overhangs my roof and in stormy conditions seems quite dangerous, but 'lopping' is only a temporary solution. This was last carried out in October 2011 and was a difficult and expensive exercise with less effect than I had hoped.

3. The tree seems to often have dead boughs and branches, as it does now, bits and pieces dropping off regularly, presenting safety issues. My neighbours have a young family and consequently the safety aspect is of some concern to us all.

Altogether, whilst we appreciate the value generally of such trees to our surroundings, we feel that if this particular tree was not there it would relieve us of the very real concerns that we have.

I am copying this to my neighbours, Mr and Mrs Jay. The contents have their consent and we would be most grateful if consideration could be given for approval to fell.

Should you wish to visit, you would be most welcome to visit Mead Court and Flint House to see the situation on site.

Yours sincerely,