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**To:** Trees, Protected <ProtectedTrees@ Crawley.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Ref 05/2023 ATO. Russel Spurrell

This email is addressed to Russel Spurrell regarding a TPO on the trees outside 22 Kenilworth close.

Hi there I'm writing to you today with an objection of the TPO being placed on the tree outside of 22 Kenilworth close. On the map you have provided the reference is G1 which are English Oak trees. I only mainly have an objection for the tree which is actually in our garden. This tree is causing us continuous issues with our property and a risk to my pregnant partner and I.

Firstly, the issues caused by this tree on our property is continuous with gutters being blocked by leaf litter, twigs and branches which is costing us to keep having them cleaned out to allow water to flow away effectively. The gutter has been broken by the sheer amount of litter from the tree or a stick/branch falling and damaging the gutter, this damaged the down pipe which lead to quite a lot of flooding in our garden. This incurred more money being spent to repair this on top of the regular gutter clean we pay out for. Secondly, we have alot of moss growing on our roof tiles which we have had cleared when we moved in just over a year ago but it has now all grown back and this could be caused by the litter off the tree and the reduced light the roof gets. This could also be a cause of mould and dampness in our loft which we need to get sorted as soon as possible.

Now, the risk to us is due to the fact my partner who is pregnant was out in the garden a couple of weeks ago gardening and she was hit on the back from a stick falling out of the tree where there are so many dead bits on the tree, although it was only a fairly small branch and did not cause any issue apart from a sore back this could of been very serious considering the size of a branch which fell into our garden a few weeks back in the strong winds. Also as she is pregnant this could have caused major problems. I have included a few pictures of sticks and the very large branch which fell into our garden.

Prior to this in January my partners mother had a slip in the car park where the leaf debris gets so bad and slippery when wet it is a major hazard especially with young children and the elderly also in surrounding houses. My partners mother's injury resulted in a broken ankle with bad bruising on her leg. We do have a roadsweeper which comes into the close which is not very often but it does not even come into the parking area where this leaf litter causes such a big issue. Maybe if it were to come into the parking area the issue wouldn't be so bad. These trees are so big and the amount of leaf litter that they produce is a hazard and a nuisance.

Look foward to hearing back from you.

[REDACTED]

Homeowner of 22 Kenilworth close



