

Fir tree in front of 7&9 Ellesmere close.

James Harcourt

Oct 20, 2020,
11:57 AM (1 day
ago)

to sheila.goldsmith, me

Dear Sheila,

In reply to your letter dated October 15th to the Derby Road fund committee about the fir tree; I have this morning had an on site meeting with the Reading Borough Council Tree surveyor about the fir tree and he confirmed it is the property of RBC and on their land.

He has also confirmed that the tree is in good condition and RBC will not allow it to be felled or even reduced as I had originally suggested last year. The injury to the tree by removing the lower branch would not be good for the overall health of the tree. He also stated that since he last saw the tree last month it had noticeably recovered from the browning of the leaves which indicated it was now in good condition after a hot summer and then wet autumn. I was also reminded that to damage or fell a tree without permission is a criminal offence.

I appreciate fully that this is not the answer you were hoping for and am sorry that I ,on behalf of the Derby Road Fund committee was unable to help you in the end.

With best wishes,
Jamie Harcourt.



James Harcourt

Oct 20, 2020,
12:23 PM (1 day
ago)

to Sheila, me

Thanks Sheila for your prompt reply.

And just so there is no confusion I should also state that RBC do not take any responsibility for the Lime Trees that border the road. They are the responsibility of the adjacent householders.

Best wishes,
Jamie.

On Tue, 20 Oct 2020, 12:07 Sheila Goldsmith, wrote:
Dear Jamie,

Thank you for all your efforts in trying to have the firtree close to my property removed. It was not the outcome that I had hoped for. However, I am reassured that the tree is healthy and the browning of the leaves is normal and a result of the weather conditions.

It was also reassuring to have the confirmation that the land at the front of Ellesmere Close is the property of Reading Borough Council.

With my thanks to you and the Derby Road Fund Committee.

Kind regards
Sheila Goldsmith