

Application #
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Corporate Post Room

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To: Whom It May Concern

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Re: NEIGHBOURS' TREE

When we acquired our home (less than a decade ago) we did so knowing that we would enjoy the afternoon/evening after work as it came round, lighting up our garden - patio, shrubs, and lawn - and coming into our house through the large amounts of glass on the west side of the building. Next to our kitchen and utility room, the garden on this side of the house is also the natural place to dry washing and do various other chores.

However this situation has changed for the worse. We now get relatively little direct sunlight on this (the most-used) side of the house.

Our neighbours' ash(?) tree, once only a 'specimen' in size, grows more than enthusiastically in both height and range and now overhangs and overlooks its neighbouring properties and blocks out sunlight for several hours each day. The tree was trimmed quite modestly last year but has already grown back, wider, taller and thicker than before. This problem is very distressing for us and very frustrating as it (just like the tree) continues to grow. (I believe it was only recently that a preservation order was placed on this tree.)

Until the tree is returned to a reasonable size and maintained there, not intruding across boundaries and imposing on other properties, we will continue to have significantly less use and less value from our home.

With the loss of sunlight on the large glass sections of its west side, the house consumes more fuel* than it needs to, and for hours each day we have lost much of the use of our garden as a place to sit, our sunny kitchen is now no more, laundry doesn't dry so well, and so on. (I'm you get the idea.)

I do value trees - yes, even this one! - but when they are not managed they cause misery to those affected by them. I hope and trust we can soon go ahead and make life much better again.

Yours sincerely

* Obviously I can't quote KWh's but I can tell you that the lights and the heating get turned on a little earlier than I think they should need to year by year...