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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 July 2018 13:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Street Tree removal - Westborough Ward - Brightwell Avenue

Dear Cllr [REDACTED]

I understand the initial issue with this tree was the receipt of a complaint about an accident caused by root disruption in the highway. I was asked to look at the tree from an Arboricultural perspective, to provide relevant information to the engineers so they could decide how best to carry out repairs. If you would like more information about the initial complaint, [REDACTED] should be able to help you.

The tree has developed strong surface roots around the base which have caused structural damage to the pavement, kerb and possibly front boundary walls of adjacent properties. The roots then extend 2-3m away from the tree, lifting the surface of the previous repair. There is a chance that if these roots are ground away, the next repair may last longer, but this is a tall tree and I would not want to risk destroying too much of its root system. Where root system is damaged, decay tends to follow. In addition to assessing the below-ground constraints, I noted that a large, weight-bearing limb over the carriageway had been struck on more than one occasion by a high-sided vehicle, causing not insignificant damage to the limb.

All things considered, my recommendation is to remove this tree and replace it with a something more suitable.

You will be pleased to know that there are currently 3 young Sorbus trees in the Council's nursery that are for Brightwell Avenue. They will be planted as soon as the weather becomes suitable. The replacement of the tree in question will be in addition to these.

Regards

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Arboricultural Officer – **Southend-on-Sea Borough Council**

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From: Cllr [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 July 2018 16:41
To: Cllr [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Street Tree removal - Westborough Ward - Brightwell Avenue

Dear [REDACTED]
Please can ward councillors be sent copy of report and details of any complaints regarding this tree. I actually [REDACTED] and am beginning to get fed up with all the tree removals and us not having explanations to give to residents when asked.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 2:53:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Street Tree removal - Westborough Ward - Brightwell Avenue

Tree Removal

Further to a recent site visit and an arboricultural inspection, please be aware that the following tree is scheduled for removal:-

Location: O/s 119 Brightwell Avenue.

Species: Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)

Reason for removal: Despite previous remedial works, roots continue to cause disruption to the pavement over a long distance from the tree.

Where a tree is removed the location is recorded for replanting, ensuring that tree cover within the town is maintained and extended in line with Council policy.

The precise location for the replanting is subject to a number of constraints such as existing underground/overhead services, continued presence of tree roots/old stumps/soil pathogens and the maintenance of safe sight lines etc.

I hope this clarifies the current situation, if you have any questions please contact the Arboricultural Team on [REDACTED] or alternatively there is information available on the council's website southend.gov.uk (tree removals in search).

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