

Peter Slegg

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 July 2021 15:24
To: Cathy Davidson
Cc: Peter Slegg; Kimberley Harwood; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED], ASH TREE –ASH DIEBACK (chalara fraxinea) 20/01150/FULH
Attachments: [REDACTED] Ash.ArbManagementReport.July.2021..pdf; Letter from [REDACTED].pdf

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Cathy,
Please find attached Woodsman Arboriculturist report dated 14th July 2021 that follows their previous visits dating back to October 2020.

They conclude that the Ash tree at [REDACTED] is infected with Ash die back, that this disease is non-curable and as it progresses the tree will pose an increased threat to adjacent people and property. They recommend that the tree is removed at the soonest opportunity.

We also attach a letter from the adjacent property [REDACTED] that raises their concerns about the health of the tree and advises that they would hold ourselves responsible for any damage it may cause.

We trust that you will agree that we have conducted the monitoring that you required, we would be grateful if we could now agree the way forward.

Regards

[REDACTED]
On Fri, Jul 2, 2021 at 3:02 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Cathy,
This is extremely frustrating.

In your document relating to the tree received 16th November 2021, you noted that my “photographs clearly show die back of branches in the upper crown but at this stage it is uncertain that this might be the result of chalara and other issues such as drought” etc.

You stated that “further monitoring should be undertaken with increased frequency and at an appropriate time of year to assess the extent of the infection”

You proposed that an AIS and AMS would be required prior to any ground being broken.

Your document last year was received too late in the season to be able to make any further reasonable assessment of the state of the tree that year.

We have done as you requested and waited until we could undertake further monitoring and our Arboriculturist revisited and remains of the opinion that the tree is dying as are the other Ash trees around it.

Their view is that an AIS / AMS has no value to a dying tree.

I tried to arrange a meeting to discuss the condition of the Ash tree two weeks ago with yourselves, the planners and our Arboriculturist.

Last week I spoke to Kimberly who advised that you / she would not be visiting site and that as the planning conditions had already been set, the only way to progress the situation would be apply for the conditions to be discharged or to apply for a felling licence for the tree.

You now send photos, showing you say “little evidence of Ash die back” and suggest that further monitoring again take place over the next few months.

Our Arboriculturist does not share your assessment of the situation.

Will any further monitoring have any bearing on the situation or will Planning again say that an application will still need to be made for a decision to be made, only to find that the delay will make it all too late again in the season and the leaves will have fallen?

In the meantime we have received a letter from our next door neighbour complaining about the state of the tree and holding us responsible for any damaged caused by it.

Additionally we have issues of subsidence of our garage which we suspect could be due to drainage and / or foundation issues but cannot investigate further without breaking ground.

I would be very grateful if all parties could meet and agree a clear way forward to resolve this situation this year.

I would appreciate it if you could discuss with your colleagues in planning and confirm a way forward.

Regards

[Redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Jul 2021, at 12:39, Cathy Davidson <Cathy.Davidson@northtyneside.gov.uk> wrote:

Hello [Redacted]

Thanks you for your email. I passed site yesterday and noticed the ash tree you are referring to. I have attached a couple of images taken yesterday which shows the tree in full leaf with little evidence of Ash die back. However, it would be useful to continue to monitor the tree over the next few months.

Kind regards

Cathy Davidson

Snr Landscape Architect (Design Services)

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 18 June 2021 10:15

To: Kimberley Harwood <Kimberley.Harwood@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Cc: Cathy Davidson <Cathy.Davidson@northtyneside.gov.uk> [Redacted]

Subject: Re: FW: [Redacted], ASH TREE –ASH DIEBACK (chalara fraxinea) 20/01150/FULH

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Good morning Kimberley,

Further to the correspondence last year regarding [REDACTED], Approved Planning Application 20/01150/FULH and the Ash tree at the property.

The Arboriculturist has revisited site and remains of the opinion that the tree is dying from Ash Dieback; as are the other Ash trees surrounding it in [REDACTED] St Bartholomew's graveyard and [REDACTED]

I would be grateful if it would be possible to meet with you and Cathy at the property to discuss the condition of the tree.

Should you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to call [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 3:43 PM Kimberley Harwood <Kimberley.Harwood@northtyneside.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Enclosed in this email are the comments our landscape architect gave in regards to the ash tree to the front of the property.

Kind regards,

Kimberley Harwood

Graduate Planner

Planning

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From: Cathy Davidson <Cathy.Davidson@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 November 2020 13:23
To: Kimberley Harwood <Kimberley.Harwood@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: [REDACTED], ASH TREE –ASH DIEBACK (chalara fraxinea) 20/01150/FULH

[REDACTED] ASH TREE –ASH DIEBACK (*chalara fraxinea*)

Application No: 20/01150/FULH

Comments attached

Kind regards

Cathy Davidson

Snr Landscape Architect (Design Services)

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