16 Taw close
Worthing
West Sussex
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Dear Mr Peck

Trees Taw close AWDM/0896/25

This tree and other trees situated behind residential homes have been an absolute nuisance for many years.

They are costing an absolute fortune to maintain , let alone all the work that goes with them to clear up.
It costs me over £300 a year just to clean the sap from my conservatory roof.
I clear up the mess that the council should be clearing up .
Sweeping the public path, etc.
There is constant birds mess, branches falling off, acorns, sap everywhere.
As I am now 70, I am struggling to do this.
The Council do not want us to cut much from the trees .
But they are so difficult and expensive to maintain , there is certainly not a significant amount cut each time.
We are trying to be responsible and maintain them, but are knocked back, because not enough is allowed to be taken off.

I have voiced my concerns about these trees on many occasions to the tree and landscape officer Jeremy Sergeant .
Mr. Sergeant does not want to listen or take on our concerns.
The tree at 17 Taw close is in my neighbours garden. It has grown big thick and one of the very large branches is extremely close to our houses.
I would like you to consider cutting this branch back considerably as the tree has a significant lean towards our properties.
I worry about the strong winds we've had recently and branches etc that break off all the time.
We are now getting acorns in the hundreds,
All of the trees in this area are dangerous and extremely close to the properties therefore they need to have a good cut so they are away from the houses.
We had the tree that is behind number 15 Taw close cut before Christmas. Quite frankly, it made no difference at all, as not enough was allowed to be cut off.
Why is this? Why can't they be cut right back It's not as if they aren't going to grow again.
This is serious and a risk to life and property .
I spoke to our local MP a few years ago he was extremely helpful.
But when my concerns were voiced to the council officer, he had no empathy whatsoever.
I've seriously tried to get these trees cut back significantly, but for some reason they will not let us.
I'm told the land owner is responsible for the tree , which is fair enough.
The tree at no 14 is absolutely massive, the landlord does very little to maintain these trees.
We are trying to be responsible and maintain these trees, but are knocked back, because not enough is allowed to be taken off. They are still dangerous.
We would all save money and have a better quality of life. The lack of light and cold that they bring really gets me down.
I was told by the officer, after the trees were cut, nobody checks up on the job as they don't have time.
How does this help? And how do we know the surgeons have done their job properly. The only way we would know is if the council checked them, which they don't.
A residential tree report needs to be done.
Please respond with some positive things that could eleviate the issues above.

Regards

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