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Sent: 23 October 2023 11:58
To: Chelsea Petrillo <Chelsea.Petrillo@Rochdale.Gov.UK>
Subject: RE: 23/00737/WTCA

Good Morning Chelsea,

The residents letter and request is a standard request that we make when carrying out footway works requesting the property owners trees/bushes that overhang the highway to be cut back. Although the mature trees do cause us extreme difficulties with the roots damaging the footway and carriageway we work around these the best we can, the ones that line Moorgate Avenue for example.

I think the tree you are referring to is within the residents garden, I spoke with this gentleman and as the tree is so high, isn't obstructing the highway, causing an issue to pedestrians and we can work comfortably underneath it then it was ok to leave it in this instance.

Any obstruction to the highway would generally be a job for the enforcement team, however, as part of our works we make the request to enable us better access to the footway and always give the resident the option of carrying out the works themselves as some are very particular or like their own gardener to do it.

Although a different street, the attached photo is an example of what we would expect cutting back as we cannot gain proper access to the full footway to reconstruct, it reduces the footway width for pedestrians and hides the street name plate. This is the type of thing we would be referring to in the letter, not particularly a large tree causing no harm.

The footway and carriageway works on Moorgate Avenue have been successfully completed.

Hope that helps, if you need any further information please get back in touch.

Kindest Regards

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From: Chelsea Petrillo <Chelsea.Petrillo@Rochdale.Gov.UK>

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Subject: 23/00737/WTCA

Hi [REDACTED]

I am an assistant planning officer in development management to which I am currently dealing with a works to trees application at 4 Moorgate Avenue in which a resident received a letter from yourself explaining improvement works are programmed to start therefore it is the applicants responsibility to cut back any trees which overhang the highway.

As 4 Moorgate Avenue is sited within the Moorgate Conservation Area, permission is needed for any works to these trees. Your letter to the applicant states *"I would ask if you can cut back any*

overhanging vegetation before works begin. If this work is not carried out, our contractor will be obliged to carry out the trimming on your behalf".

Just for the clarification to myself, I am just wondering if highways have the power which would allow you to cut back these trees without the need for any permission given they are sited within a Conservation Area?

Kind Regards,

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