

Dear Wiltshire Council,

I am writing to formally request that you assess an ash tree located in my neighbour's garden, to the right side of my property, and consider granting permission under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for its removal due to safety and structural concerns.

The tree has grown significantly over time and now extends well into our property, overshadowing our garden and encroaching on our living space. This has reduced our enjoyment of the garden and limited light to the area.

More importantly, the tree appears to be in poor health. It is affected by fungus and shows signs of decay, with branches frequently breaking and falling into our garden. This debris is not being cleared by the owner, which has led to an ongoing accumulation of waste and contributes to an unsafe environment.

The situation presents a serious safety hazard. I have young grandchildren who regularly play in the garden, and both my husband and I, being elderly, also spend time outdoors. The falling branches pose a significant risk of injury, and we are increasingly concerned for our safety.

We have approached our neighbour on several occasions to discuss possible work to make the tree safe, including pruning and treatment. We offered to arrange and cover the cost of a qualified tree surgeon and were open to any suggestions she might have. At times, our neighbour, Margaret, appeared to agree to these measures; however, she would later change her mind or seem to forget our conversations.

We are also concerned for her wellbeing, as she has shown signs of confusion and forgetfulness, and her property appears increasingly unkempt. Due to these circumstances, it has not been possible to reach a consistent agreement or ensure that appropriate action is taken regarding the tree.

Given the ongoing risks posed by the tree's condition and the difficulty in resolving this matter directly, we kindly request that the council inspect the tree as soon as possible and advise on the appropriate course of action, including the potential for its removal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Josefa Luisa Raposo Garcia

(Preferred name Penny)