

We are the owner and occupiers of the Old Silk Mill, the Grade II listed building next door to 36 Gladstone Road.

The front garden of 36 Gladstone Road abuts onto the Old Silk Mill, right next to the garage doors. The tree in question is very close to our wall and garage and is growing rapidly. It is now quite sturdy. I attach a photo.

In the last couple of months our garage doors have begun to sag - between an inch and two inches so far. We attach a photo. The lock is now misaligned and difficult to close. Cracks have appeared in the walls supporting the doors. I attach photos.

It seems probable that the rapid growth of the tree, so close to the house, is undermining the closest walls, where the garage is.

We spoke to the applicants and they kindly agreed to remove the tree, subject of course to the necessary consents.

We see that it has been proposed that the Council should perhaps consider issuing a tree preservation order. Please will you reconsider this view. We do not believe that it can ever have been the intention of the policies and regulations that a tree should be protected at the expense of damaging the structure of a Listed building.

We would be very grateful if the application could be dealt with as soon as possible, to avoid further damage.

Thank you

Vanessa and Peter Dawe











