



Andrew Hodson
last seen today at 08:59



2 February 2024

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can you call me councillor Andrew Hodson

14:58

Hi Andrew, just seen message. Just in a meeting. Will call asap. Regards

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Voice call

3 mins 15:33

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6 February 2024

Poplar tree on junction with The Akbar/Greenfield Lane in the boundary line of number 1 The Akbar belonging to Aaron.



3rd February 2024

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My expert opinion is the tree needs to be reduced in height to where it's not a danger to people or structures, telephone wires, cars etc I am very concerned with regards to this and would like to see height reduced, I have advised Aaron, local residents and even the local council official who attended site 2/2/2024 of this to cover myself.

It's easy for tree officials from council to attend, visually inspect and say "yes looks perfect healthy" but until you physically get into tree canopy the true extent cannot be seen.

Whilst working on tree I noticed damage to trunk and was informed by residents that it's not uncommon for vans, bin lorries, builders trucks etc to hit tree as they turn into The Akbar which again to me is concerning.

As an experienced Arborist with many years experience I stand by my opinion that the tree in its present state is a potential danger to life and needs to be addressed, I have again made my feelings very clear to all parties however I am not sure everybody is listening because it's not what they want to hear or see happen but it's a must.

I take no responsibility from this moment on the responsibility is with those who decided to stop anymore work to be carried out by myself. I offered to make the tree safe but was told on numerous occasions "NO"

I have informed my solicitor and insurance company regarding situation and made it perfectly clear to local authority so I can't be accused of any wrongdoing or negligence

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The responsibility now lies with the owner of the tree and needs to be addressed forthwith.



Yours sincerely



Mark Robertson
(Owner, operator MITS)

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Thank you I will pass this onto the owners of the trees

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For info.. I've offered the owner of the tree to pay to have it cut down if its done this week.

I'm hoping he's sensible enough to agree or we may need to get you guys involved again.

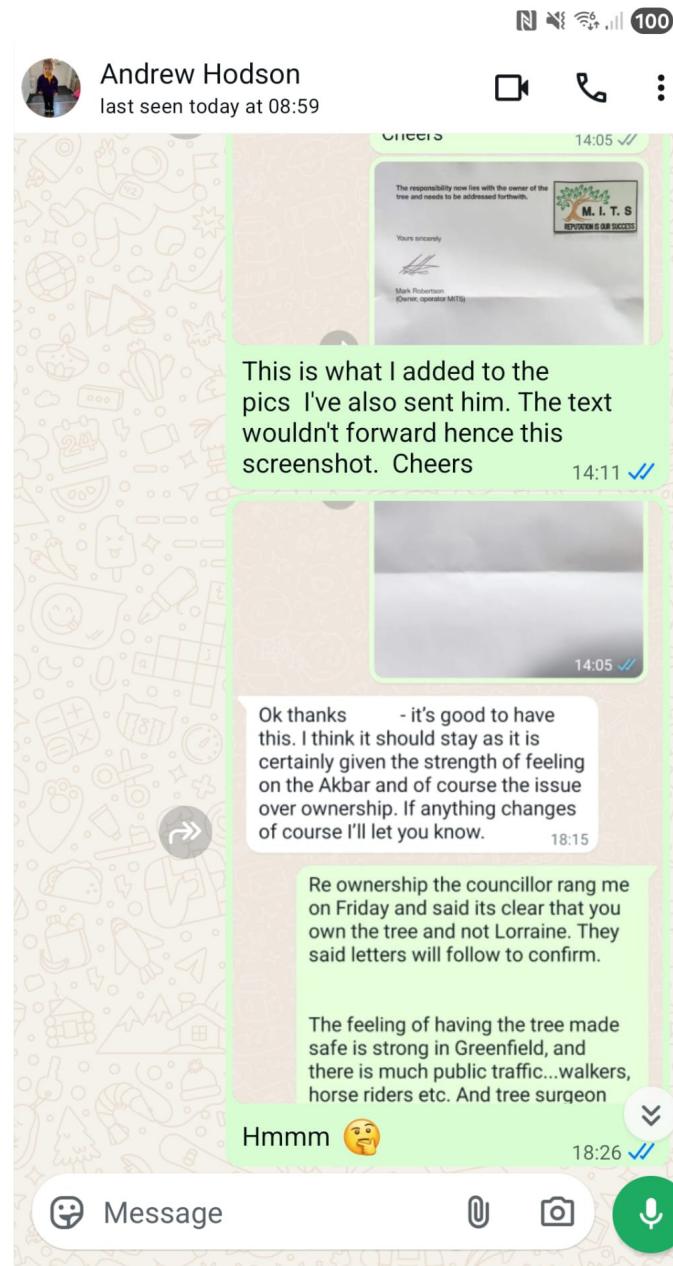
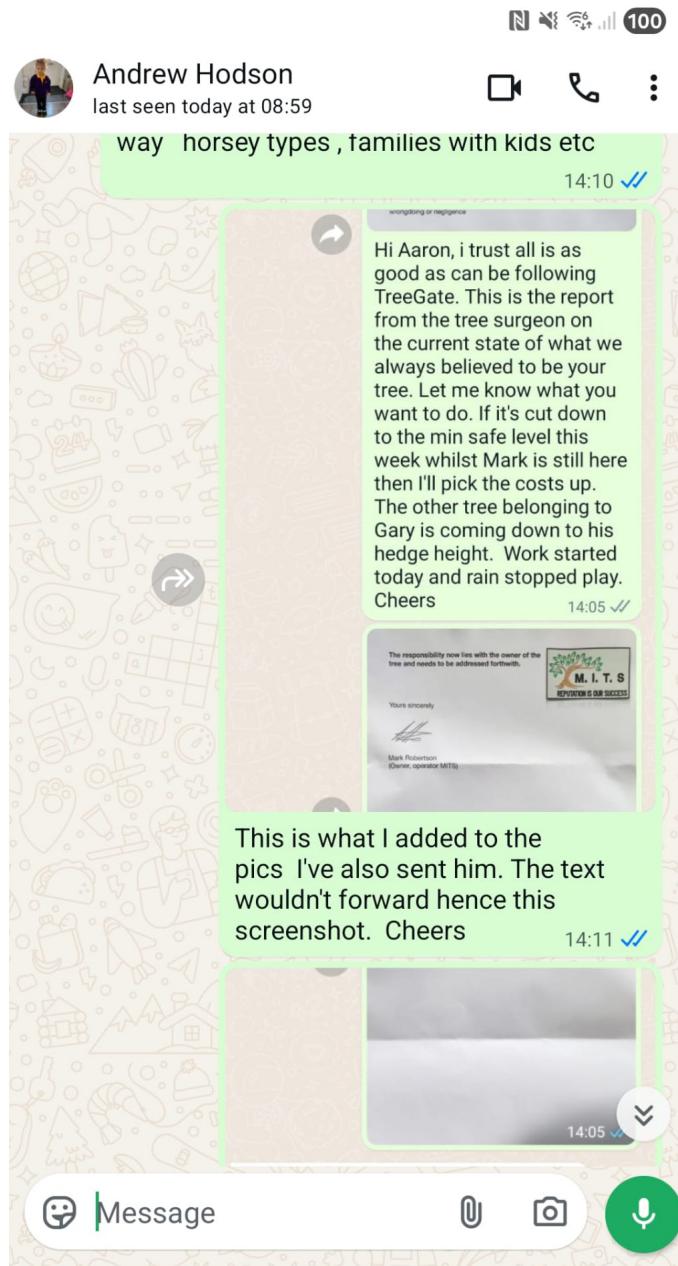
The road is heavily used by walkers (who park at the top and head towards the wirral way horsey types , families with kids etc

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wrongdoing or negligence

Hi Aaron, i trust all is as good as can be following TreeGate. This is the report from the tree surgeon on the current state of what we always believed to be your tree. Let me know what you want to do. If it's cut down to the min safe level this week whilst Mark is still here then I'll pick the costs up.





Subject: RE: Imminent danger of fatality from 'creaking', decaying tree - tree surevy report attached - escalation

Date: Thursday, 18 July 2024 at 18:09:22 British Summer Time

From: Wallbank, Nicola <nicolawallbank@wirral.gov.uk>

To:

Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.png, image005.png, image006.png, image007.png, image008.png, image009.png

Hi ,

Many thanks for your explanation. We've done a land registry check and the verge on the outside of your neighbours' hedge is unregistered. Therefore, we are unable to issue them a notice to make the tree safe as they are not registered as owners of the land (or tree).

I have made Councillor Hodson aware of the situation and so we hope that no further objections will be made when our contractors attend.

Kind regards

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