

I refer to the previous application 251009 where permission was given to widen our driveway. At that time, I provided pictures to show there were no roots in the vicinity of the damaged driveway. Since starting the work, we have located some roots over 6m from the Scotts pine. I am seeking permission to remove these as they are close to the surface of where grass was and we are unable to continue with the proposed widening. Note from the previous application that the proposal was to utilise a layering of protective sand, then scalping, followed by a grid tile system with shingle infill. This is no longer practical in that area without the removal of the roots.

I have received some verbal advice from Consultant Arborist Sarah Duckworth of Duckworths Arboriculture Ltd who has visited the site. She has opined that the only way forward with the permitted driveway widening would be to cut and remove the root. She has also advised that the root is likely to have come from the mature pine and due to the distance of the single root from the tree and its orientation perpendicular to the tree root is unlikely to be significant in terms of tree health or stability.

There are also some other slight rises in the tarmac which we have investigated, and again, as per the original application, there are no signs of roots. Pictures are attached.

I did send some emails with pictures to you at the time of locating these additional roots, as a follow up to my original application, but Sarah has advised that to regularise the situation and get a formal decision, it would be best for me to file a new TPO application to cover the cutting of this tree root. I can reassure you that we have halted work until this matter is resolved, therefore your prompt review and approval would be appreciated.

I attach additional pictures for your consideration, but a site visit would be expedient in determining the application to fully appreciate the size of the root & distance / orientation in relation to the tree.