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To: Trees Planning <Trees.Planning@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Tree Work Application 2020/94419

Ni Nick,

I'm a bit confused because i've just made one application.

There are existing land drains in Screamer Wood. They should collect water and direct it via a pipe under Redwood Drive.

There is a manhole at the mid-point of Redwood Drive as it goes through Screamer Wood (by the grassed service strip) where the drains in Screamer converge. The pipe discharges water to the other side of the road and it eventually feeds the stream that starts on the Golf Course that is converted under Bradley Road.

The drains have silted and become ineffective- some were also damaged by tree harvesting equipment when Screamer was thinned for Biomass about 10 years ago.

So when ground conditions are saturated as they are now the water just runs over the footpath and the debris it carries blocks the road drains causing localised flooding to the height of the kerb.

We currently have volunteers keeping the road drains clear but a better solution would be redigging the land drains. Hence the application.

If would be more efficient to do that work with a mini-digger and work back from the manhole cover following the original drains rather than digging out the silted up drains by hand. We would then replenish the gravel in the drains. As these are existing land drains the risk of disturbing roots is low but given recent incidents with such equipment in the woods I want to make sure we have the necessary consent for that work.

The lines I've drawn on the plan are the direction I have been able to follow. There are also silted up land drains on the KMC side of Screamer Wood and it would make sense to do this work together- otherwise there is still a risk of overflow across Redwood Drive. I didn't get a response from your colleagues that you directed me to when I enquired about this last year.

There are a couple of pictures below that might help you identify the area.

If you need any help finding the trees please let me know. Hopefully you can see from the work requested that this is part of a long term plan to manage our woods and reduce the impact of

non native or invasive species.

Right side of Redwood Drive when entering the wood from Bradley Road.
Existing blocked drain runs through the centre of this picture. Redwood Drive Drive parallel on left.

Regards

Keith

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