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Dear Mr Goldstein

## **CLAIM FOR SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE AT: 261 GOLDHURST TERRACE, LONDON, NW6 3EP**

We refer to recent emails regarding the above and write to confirm our recommendation that the Plane Tree growing close to the rear elevation of the extension is removed.

Our site investigations identified that the subsoil beneath the foundations of the extension is clay of very high plasticity and desiccation was noted at a depth of 1.75 metres below ground level. Roots from a species of Plane Tree were found to be active beneath foundation level within the zone of desiccation. Monitoring has recorded progressive seasonal movement and the damage is consistent with subsidence of the foundations of the extension away from the main house towards the tree.

You have reduced the tree in an effort to allow the subsoil to rehydrate but this has not been successful and thus the tree requires removal to stabilise the foundations. We can also confirm that underground drains have been surveyed and no defects were identified in the vicinity of the extension.

If the Tree and Landscape Officer from London Borough of Camden requires any further information or would like to discuss other options with us we would be very happy for him to contact the undersigned.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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