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Your ref: 08/AGB/243-28
Our ref: 1-38-2224

21st August 2008

Dear Ms. Blanco,

Re: 19, Park Village West, London, NW1

Thank you for your letter of 18th August 2008, with enclosures of drawings :

243 16-1, 243 16-2, 243 16-17.

1) I present an initial appraisal of the tree impacts entailed in the above proposal for development. Please read in conjunction with plan 1-38-2224/SK1, based on plan 243 16-2.

2) The two principal trees are London planes of great stature and public amenity value. These are marked as trees 1-3 on the attached plan. In respect of trees 1 and 2, which I note from the photos supplied are likely about 1250mm in trunk diameter, via BS5837:2005, a 15m root protection area (RPA) is derived. Tree 3 is remote from any ground-breaking proposals and with very simple measures such as fencing could be protected from any construction activity on site.

3) Tree 1 - a basement is proposed to lie about 7m from the tree. This lies within the RPA and occupies an area of about 24 sq.m. It is of note that this area is only 3.4% of the total RPA. To put this in context, trials made by the Morton Arboretum found that up to 30% of the root system of mature trees could be cut without any difference in shoot elongation or vitality resulting. I anticipate that the proposed excavation will encounter very few roots, and that therefore, with routine protection of the environs of the tree, which would include comprehensive protection of the ground surface and exclusion fencing, the tree will likely not suffer any diminution of health or vitality.

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4) Tree 2 – a light well is proposed to lie about 4.5m from the tree. This lies within the RPA and occupies an area of about 7 sq. m. It is of note that this area is only 1% of the total RPA, which is negligible.

5) As for tree 1, I anticipate that the proposed excavation will encounter very few roots, and that therefore, with routine protection of the environs of the tree, which would include comprehensive protection of the ground surface and exclusion fencing, the tree will likely not suffer any diminution of health or vitality.

*6) A more comprehensive report will follow site inspection early in September.

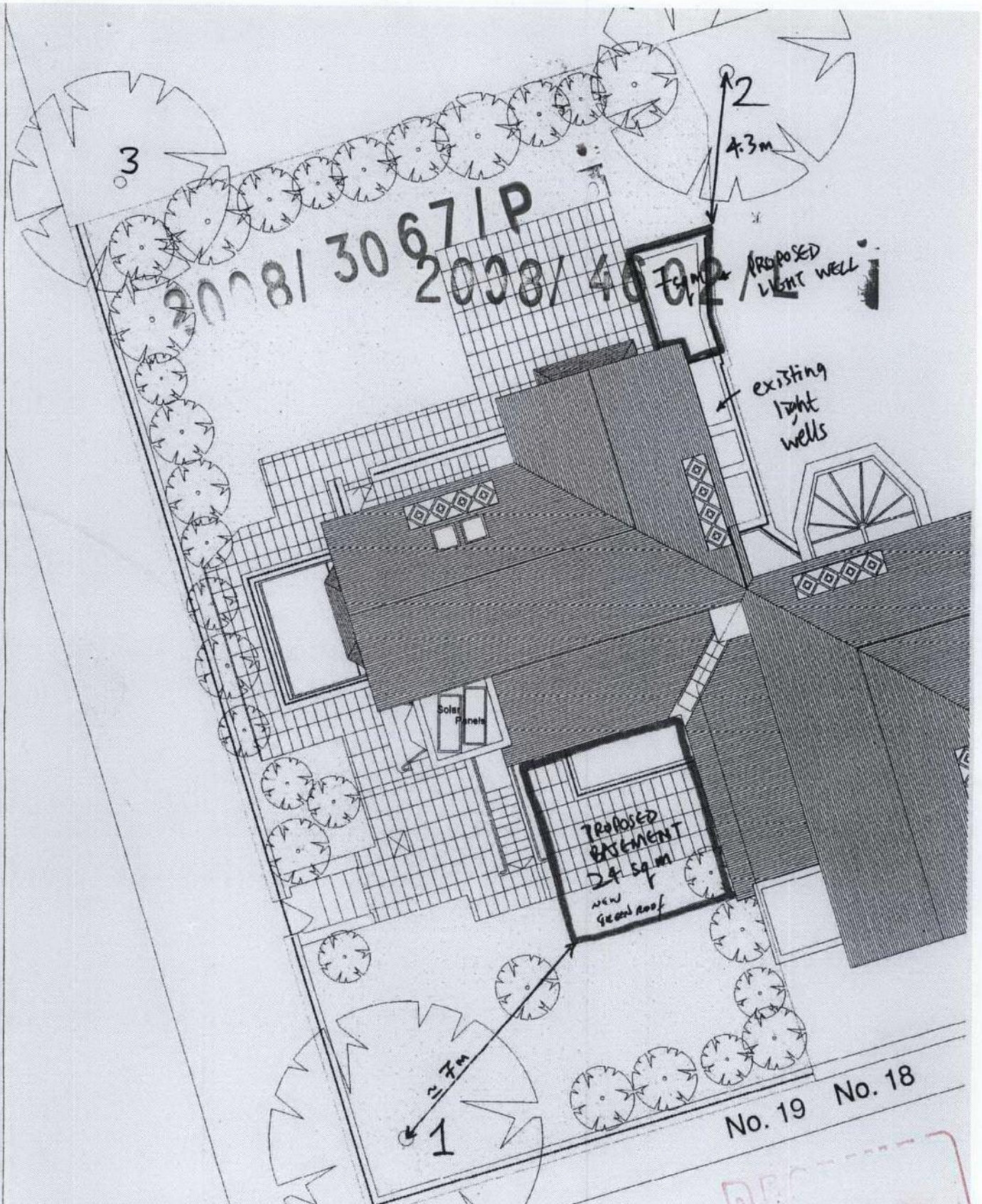
I trust the foregoing is of use to you. If I can be of further assistance, or any point needs clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. For a brief overview of our small company please visit www.treescan.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

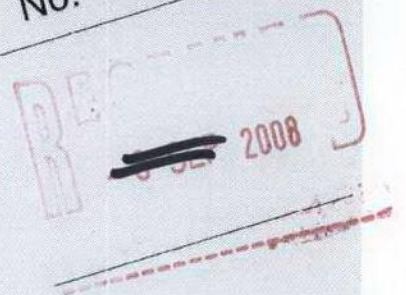


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Enc – sketch plan 1-38-2224/SK1.



19, Park Village West
 Sketch plan based on 243 16-2
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London Plane Tree
approx 9.5m from trial pit



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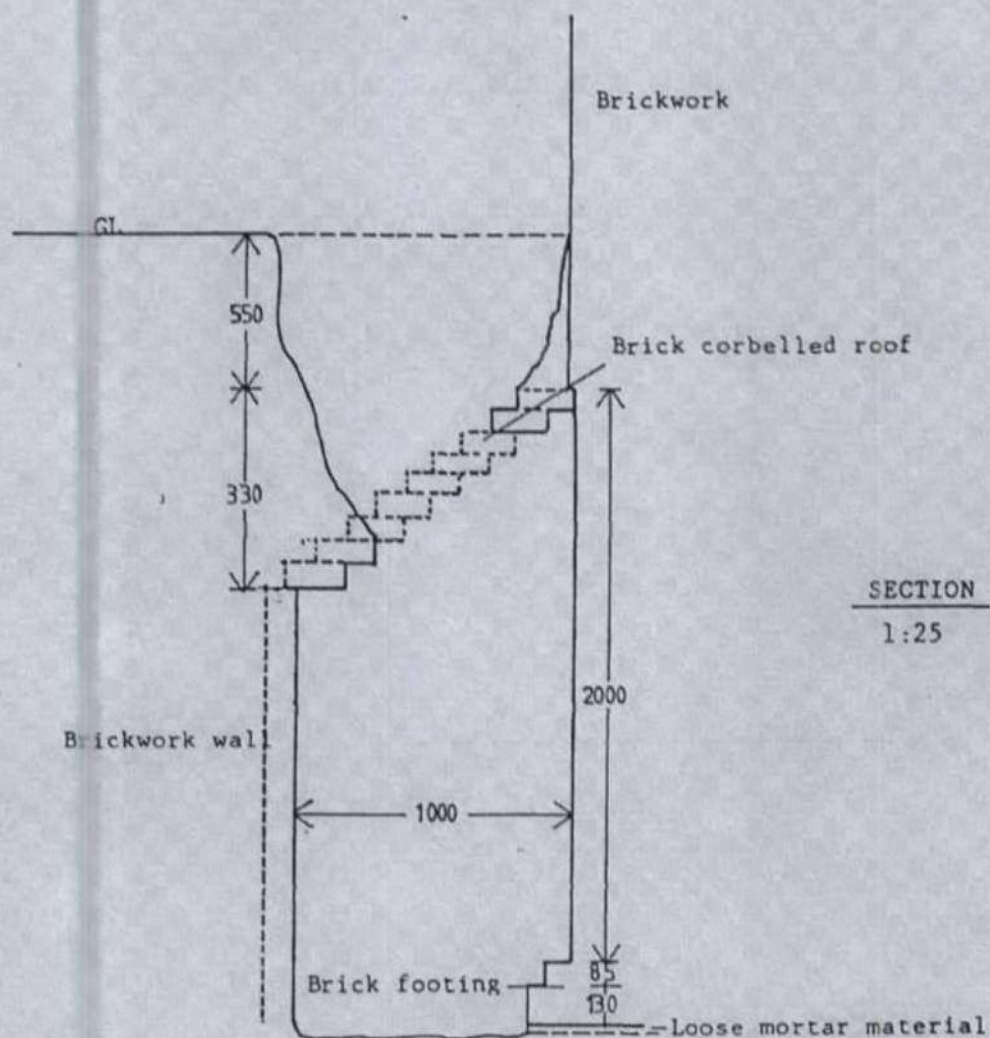
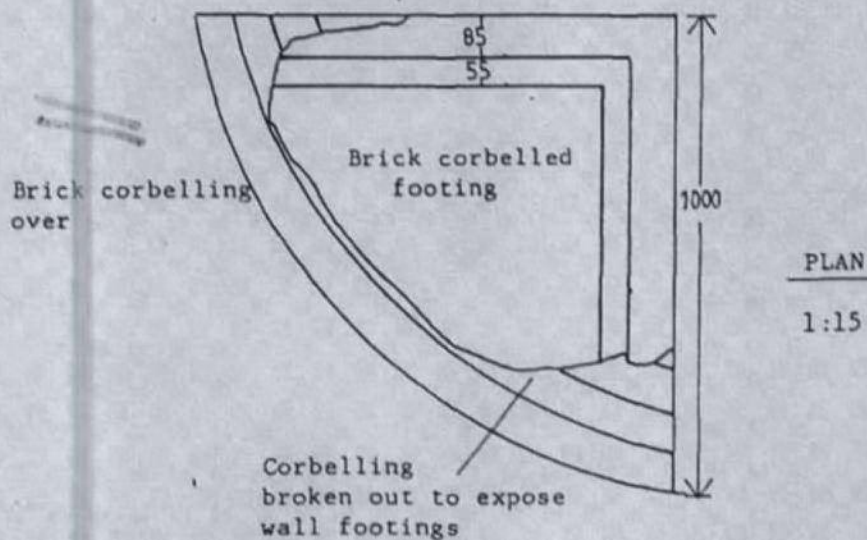
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