

# Copy Letter From

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Dear Ms Holden,

### 226 CAMDEN ROAD, NW1 – garden wall

Thank you for your letter of the 13th November. Please accept my apologies for my delay in responding. I have now had the opportunity to look at the wall in question and am therefore now writing to outline proposals for our fee and appointment.

The tree in the rear garden of No 226 appears to be growing almost directly in contact with the garden wall and if the wall is to be rebuilt in its present position it will simply be pushed over again. At this stage I think it likely that the wall will need to be kept short of the tree by, say, 2m each side and rebuilt with joints so that it can articulate to reduce the chances of damage in the future. A timber fence or metal railings will be required adjacent to the tree.

As is usual for this type of work our fees will be based on our time charges rates. They are as follows:

Principal/Associate	£60 per hour
Engineer	£50 per hour
Technician	£40 per hour all plus VAT

It is not clear from your letter just how much of the wall you aim to repair/rebuild. However, assuming that it is just the section running along your garden (ie. not the part along the garden of 75 Camden Mews) I would suggest you allow for about £450 plus VAT for us to undertake those services noted in your letter. Any further services or site visits requested of us would be charged additionally at the above time charge rates.

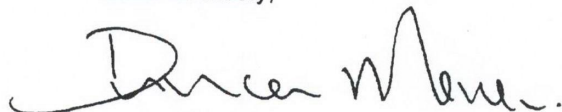
We do not prepare drawings for obtaining planning or conservation area consents. Salter Rex may be able to help you with this if this is required.

Our appointment must specifically exclude any liability for contamination/pollution of the site and you should seek specialist advice if this of concern.

I trust the above meets your approval and look forward to receiving a written instruction to proceed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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