## Our Ref: DV/BC/J11632

02 June 2014

ABSTRUCT Lime Tree House 15 Lime Tree Walk Sevenoaks - TN13 1YH

### For the attention of Mr A. Boult

Dear Sirs,

## Re: Supplementary Information for Basement Impact Assessment:168 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BL

Further to the independent assessment of the Basement Impact Assessment carried out for the above site, the requested additional information is given below:

#### "Assessment of Tree Impact on Proposed Basement."

The results of the Atterberg Limit Tests on the natural London Clay soils, indicate that NHBC High Volume Change Potential precautions are applicable.

While the rear of the site is currently devoid of trees, past aerial photography indicates that in 2006/2008 a tree might have been present within the rear area of the site or within the rear area to the adjacent property (No166 Eversholt Street). It is noted that within the upper 1.0m root traces were encountered in test location WS1. In terms of the proposed construction, the measured moisture content of the clay soils encountered within WS1 indicates that no residual desiccation is present and therefore the presence of the former trees will not have any impact on the proposed basement construction.

We also note that there are some trees present in the adjacent garden areas (see attached figure). Given the species of these trees, and their locations, the proposed basement construction will not have any impact on the trees. Furthermore, given the depth of the proposed basement, the trees will not affect the proposed basement construction and no specific precautions are considered necessary with respect to further foundation deepening etc. Where shallower foundations are required, then NHBC High Volume Change precautions could be applicable.

## "Potential Cumulative Effects"

In terms of the potential cumulative effects on the groundwater environment in the local area, i.e. should other future basements be granted beneath adjacent properties, the combination of the overall flat topography of the area (hence negligible hydraulic gradient) and the very low/impermeable nature of the underlying London Clay, suggest that any resulting increases in groundwater levels within the area (locally or regionally) will be negligible.

Yours faithfully,

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TREE REF: T1 SPECIES - FALSE ACACIA





TREE REF: T3 SPECIES - WILD CHERRY



TREE REF: T5 SPECIES - SYCAMORE



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- 3. DO NOT SCALE FROM THIS DRAWING. USE FIGURED DIMENSIONS ONLY.
- 4. ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- 5. FOR SITE SETTING OUT REFER TO THE ARCHITECTS DRAWINGS.
- 6. FOR MATERIAL NOTES REFER TO DRAWING GEN.01

TREE REF: T2 SPECIES - ASH COMMON

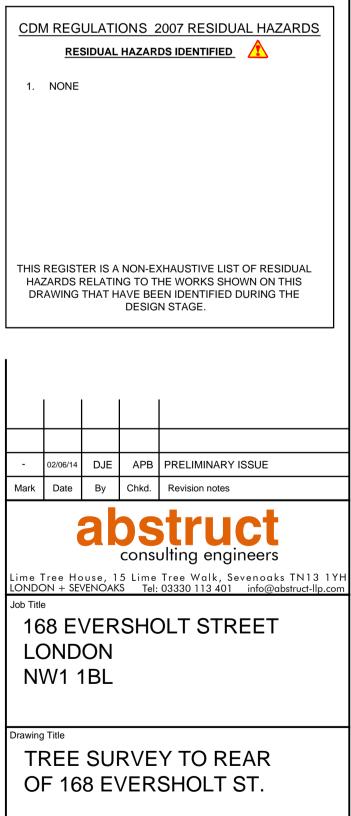


TREE REF: T4 SPECIES - BIRCH

<u>TREE REF: T6 / T7</u> SPECIES - SYCAMORE



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