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Dear Mr Cheung

**Re: Trees at Whitestone House, Hampstead, London NW3 1EA**

Further to the recent more detailed investigation into the condition of trees T4 and T5 at the above site, the results of which are contained within our Further Investigation Report reference: JFA/WSH/PCS/01, I can confirm the following.

LB Camden's Tree Officer Nick Bell has confirmed that, due to its condition, T5 can be removed prior to development but was of the opinion that the condition of T4 was such that it did not warrant removal at this stage.

I visited the site today with Mr Bell's colleague James Remington for the purpose of inspecting the series of trial trenches excavated in order to determine the effect of the proposed development on retained trees. There are a number of significant roots present in the part of the trial trench where the corner of the basement encroaches within its Root Protection Area. I have enclosed the report detailing the findings of these trenches for your convenience.

It was agreed with Mr Remington that whilst it would be possible to remove the offending element of the basement from the scheme without the need for material amendment this would not be a prudent course of action given that T4 is still assessed as being unsuitable for retention with a service life of less than 10 years. It was further agreed that it was far better not to amend the scheme for the sake of a tree that has a maximum useful service life of less than 10 years and to condition replacement landscaping instead.

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I trust that this information is of use to you and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.



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**Encs: Further Investigation Report JFA/WSH/PCS/01; Arboraeration Root Excavation Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016**