

Landmark Trees

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Dear Mark

Re: Removal of buttress from boundary wall between 29 New End and Lawn House

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the proposed dismantling of the boundary wall buttresses and lightwell removal within the curtilage of 29 New End. As the extract from our previous Tree Protection Plan below shows, the southern buttress and lightwell are located outside the Root Protection Area (RPA) of the adjacent large copper beech T4. Their removal can therefore be undertaken without potential for impact to the tree.



Plan Extract 1: Relative position of lightwell and buttresses to RPA of T4 (grey circle)

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The northern buttress is located just inside the conventional / circular RPA of the tree and therefore will need to be removed in a controlled manner to avoid potential impact to the tree.

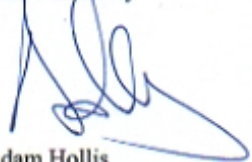
This methodology will consist of the following:

- i. The location of the mini-pile within the RPA of T4 shall be trial excavated to a minimum depth of 750mm. Should significant (>25mm diameter) roots be encountered, the hole shall be infilled and the location of the pile altered accordingly.
- ii. Bore minipiles.
- iii. Manual excavation of proposed 750mm deep trench to be excavated to allow the casting of the RC ground beam / pile cap with pre-emptive pruning of any roots encountered using sharp secateurs.
- iv. Installation of temporary steel posts and timber packing to secure garden wall in position
- v. Removal of buttresses using hand tools only.
- vi. Casting of new RC buttresses.

Notwithstanding the above, it should however be noted, it has been previously established that there is very little rooting from this tree into the application site and thus, the circle described on the Tree Protection Plan likely overstates the area it is necessary to protect, meaning that in practice there would be a negligible likelihood of impacting the tree regardless of the working method adopted.

Thus, the impact to the tree will be negligible at most if the provisions made above are adhered to.

Yours sincerely



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