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Our ref: SJA lpa 16039-01a

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref.: Grove Lodge, Admiral's Walk, Hampstead – Application ref: 2017/0512/P

I am instructed by Martin Smith of Burke Hunter Adams, on behalf of the Applicant, Mr Berendsen, to comment on the arboricultural implications of the proposed replacement of the timber fence with metal railings along the southern boundary of the site.

As your case officer, has been right to point out, the proposals are within the root protection areas (RPAs) of protected trees and have the potential to cause them harm during construction.

Through consultation with the design team I have ascertained that the foundations for the proposed railings (for the short sections where these are not on top of the existing wall) can be constructed by way of a pile and above ground beam.

The piles will be 150mm in diameter and no more than two piles will be needed for the sections of railings between the existing wall and the property itself.

The ground beams will require 100mm of excavation but this will be done under the direct control and supervision of an arboricultural consultant. As the proposed railings are quite close to the trunks of retained trees it is possible that even 100mm of excavation will encounter roots. If any roots are encountered that cannot be severed they the beam will bridge over the top of them allowing sufficient room for the root to expand. The beam's foundations will be constructed around retained roots by wrapping any that are found in an impermeable membrane to avoid the harmful effects of high salinity builders sand or concrete damaging them.

Therefore, the impact on the retained trees will be negligible.

Even if considered as cumulative to the impacts of extant planning permission (ref: 2015/4485/P), taking into account the physiological condition and relative tolerance of the trees to be retained, I see no reason why they would not be able to tolerate the installation of the proposed railings.

I trust this letter is sufficient to allay your officer's concerns but if you require further information or clarification please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Spooner

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