

Andrea Taylor
The Garden Flat
31 Lyndhurst Road
London
NW3 5PB

Your ref:
Our ref: 1-38-4417

31st August 2017

Dear Ms.Taylor,

Re: 31 Lyndhurst Road, London , NW3 5PB

Thank you for your instructions to attend and inspect in connection with the above.
Instructions were received by e-mail dated 15th August, 2017.

BACKGROUND

You informed me that there is a lime tree in the garden of the above property which appears to be dying. The owners of next door are building a basement and you suspect that they have cut through the tree roots.



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TREE DATA

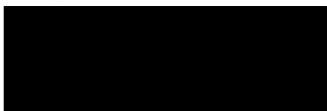
Tree number	Tree type	Height	Stem diameters	Comments	Urgency
1	common lime	9	450	A tap test (for sonority) indicated a severely decayed base and lower trunk from about ground level to 1.5m above ground level. The basal condition was confirmed by 'Resi' (trace appended). Severe root loss is suspected to have occurred on the 2, Akenside Road side. No access possible : it is a fair observation that the reported basement construction which adjoins the boundary very tightly has occupied all potential rooting space for the tree that may have been ramified by its roots. There is a change of level with an historic retaining wall marking a drop to the 2 Akenside Road site of perhaps 1m. The tree has previously been pollarded. The foliar condition of the tree is in my view in excess of what might be expected of allocation of photosynthetic resource to containment of decay and does likely relate to root loss. Accordingly the tree is considered to be both unstable and increasingly prone to failure in the lower trunk due to decay which has been present for maybe several years.	High

ACTION

Remove the tree and treat the stump to prevent growth. It may be possible to retain the tree as a low pollard for a limited period of time. If this is done, the tree will require very regular and frequent re-inspection (annual) for safety reasons.

If I can be of further assistance, or any point needs clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. For a brief overview of our small company, please visit www.treescan.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



John C. M. Cromar

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