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Ms L Segal  
84 Compayne Gardens  
London  
NW6 3RU

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Ms Segal,

**RE: 84 Compayne Gardens, London, NW6 3RU**

**Instructions:**

Thank you for your instruction to undertake an assessment of the lime and bay trees at the above site. You asked me to undertake a visual assessment of the trees health and make recommendations for their future management. I have previously looked at the trees (as part of my retained services for number 82 Compayne Gardens), but never from within your property in the past.

I therefore inspected the trees from your side on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and can now advise as follows:

**The tree:**

The two trees in question are shown as T8 and T9 on the attached plan, a plan I produced for the ongoing development next door.

T8 is a lime tree and is approximately 12metres in height. It has a stem diameter of approximately 270 mm (measured at 1.5metres in height).

T9 is a bay tree and is approximately 9metres in height. It has a stem diameter of approximately 200 mm (measured at 1.5metres in height).

**Tree assessment:**

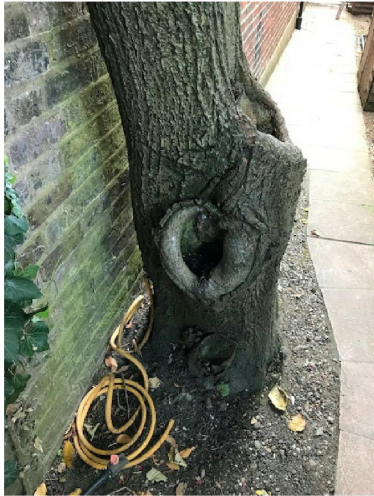
**T8:**

Following an inspection of T8, I noted the following factors which factored into my recommendations, below:

- There are two cavities on the main stem of the tree. One cavity is at 1m on the north side of the stem and the other cavity is at 1.2m on the west side of the main stem. Given how close they are, these cavities are likely to be linked within the stem tissue and in my opinion will act as a 'weak point', and may eventually lead to the failure of this tree. These cavities will also act as an entry point for other pathogens.

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- The tree is located 2m from the rear elevation number 82 and 2.4m from 84; the stem is almost touching the nearby boundary wall. These relationships are unsustainable and I think the tree will cause damage to these structures in the future, especially as it matures further. The tree has been heavily pruned in the past, presumably in an attempt to manage this relationship.
- The tree is of limited visual amenity and is only just visible between the two properties.



*Above: cavities on main stem*



*Above: tree location close to nearby houses*

**T9:**

T9 is of good overall health, though is being slightly suppressed by T8 which has caused the tree to develop a one sided crown. I have also made some recommendations for this tree, below.

**Recommendations:**

T8: I would recommend T8 is removed and not replaced for the reasons outline above.

T9: I would recommend that T9 is reduced to 7m in height and then allowed to redevelop without the competition from T8.

This work will require the consent of the local planning authority and should be done by a suitably qualified and insured contractor.

I hope this is of assistance to you, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards



Glen Harding  
For and on behalf of GHA Trees



