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Paul Joseph VJ Management

Dear Paul

Re: 24 Lyndhurst Road NW3 5NX - Front Right Garden Tree

Further to my inspection of Thursday, 28 June 2018 and the subsequent structural engineers' report on the boundary wall, I wish to report as follows.

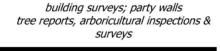
Please note that all orientation is given as if one is facing the property from the front.

There is a young liquidambar tree positioned to the front right corner of the front garden close to the boundary wall.

The tree has a girth of around 25cm and a height of around 9m. It is an attractive young tree that has grown substantially since, according to the owner of Flat 2, it was planted around 15-20 years ago. It is positioned around 25cm from the painted and rendered 1.3m height solid boundary brick wall.

The boundary brick wall and brick pier that separates No. 24 and No. 25 have moved significantly and both lean out towards the road. Undoubtedly, the proximity of this tree is causing movement to the boundary brick wall and pier.









I understand that this tree has recently become the subject of a tree preservation order and tree removal is not an option.

On this basis and to avoid further damage to the boundary wall following repairs, I would recommend that this tree is not allowed to grow a further extent.

I would recommend a 5% reduction from its current height and shape with pruning undertaken on a 2 to 3 year cycle to maintain the tree at its current extent.

Local Authority approval must be gained prior to any works to this tree and this report should accompany a tree works application with the engineers' report.

Please consider the above and if you wish to discuss further, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely

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