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Dear Charlotte,

## Re: Addendum to Arboricultural Report MAA/9GG/AIA/01a

I write following the excavation of a trial pit at 9 Grange Gardens, London NW3 7XG as part of a planning application 2017/2445/P, as recommended within our initial report on the potential impacts of the development on trees on and adjacent to the site.

The trial pit was excavated in the position detailed in Extracts 1 and 2 below, to a depth of some 800mm. I visited the site on the 29th January 2019 in order to inspect the trench and can confirm no roots from the adjacent high quality oaks T1 and T6 were present (see Photograph 1) and it is worthy of note that the wall foundations extended below the bottom of the trench. Photograph 2 shows a root from an adjacent Viburnum shrub that has grown towards the wall, found it to be an impenetrable barrier and adjusted its course accordingly. Oak roots possess no especial faculty for breaking through obstructions and thus I do not think it unreasonable to conclude that if a trial trench were excavated the far side of the wall that similarly deflected oak roots would be found.

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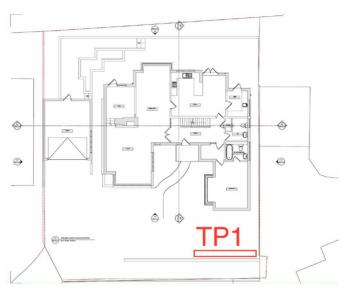
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I therefore conclude that, as per the enclosed updated Arboricultural Impact Plan, the proposals will have no impact on T1 or T6.



Extract 1: Location of trial pit on plan



Extract 2: Location of trial pit in section

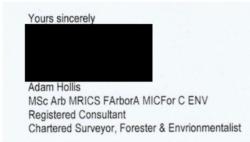


Photograph 1: No rooting from adjacent oak T1 within trial trench / beyond boundary wall foundations



Photograph 2: Viburnum root deflected by wall

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.



**Encs: Updated Arboricultural Impact Plan** 

