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Monika Bilska
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Our ref: JG/A792/1220

Dear Monika,

Re: *Arbutus* to the front of 1 Falkland Road, Camden

I have been instructed to provide arboricultural comments on a single small tree / shrub, located behind a boundary wall on the western frontage of 1 Falkland Road, Camden.

This unmanaged specimen is an *Arbutus unedo* and at its current size and architecture, is considered to be a large shrub. The *Arbutus* appears to be having a detrimental effect on the boundary wall, with incremental growth expanding its main stem girth, and creating a structural defect within the wall itself. It also infringes the current Highways Regulations with its crown being lower than 2.5m over the public footpath. This can be rectified with pruning, however, to create sufficient clearance to satisfy the Highways Regulations 1980, its natural shape, and thus amenity value, would be substantially compromised.

I consider this tree to have a limited future potential within its current position, and I am able to support its removal to facilitate the extension of the living space within the property. I believe this *Arbutus* fulfils the British Standard 5837:2012 Category C criteria within the context of an arboricultural assessment, and I do not consider it worthy of the formal protection of a Tree Preservation Order.

Yours sincerely

Joel Gray, Arboricultural Consultant
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advanced:

progressive *adj.*

forward-thinking

forward-looking

unconventional

cutting edge

innovative

higher *adj.*

superior

highly developed

sophisticated

complex



Photograph of *Arbutus unedo* and damaged wall



Photograph of property frontage