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Dear Mr Bond

11 Wood Street, Skelmanthorpe, Boundary Wall

Following our discussion and my subsequent email, I understand that the wall along the boundary wall of 11 Wood street has deteriorated to the point of failure in a localised area. As indicated in our inspection report dated May 2023, our recommendation that the wall in its entirety is replaced remains. I understand that the local Authority has previously, rejected proposals to replace the wall due to the impact this will have on the adjacent trees. As outlined in our report, particularly with regards to tree T2, it is not possible to replace the wall without felling this tree as it is physically in contact with the wall. There is also likely to be significant impact upon tree T1 although it is at a greater distance from the wall.

Given the distance to T1 from the wall, it may be possible to install sheet piles to act as a permanent retaining wall part way between the tree and wall. This would be subject to confirmation from the Arboriculturist that this approach would not adversely affect tree T1. This would allow the wall to be removed and replaced whilst mitigating any impact on T1. I note that such a solution, if possible, may take time to develop as input from geotechnical engineers and specialist piling contractors will be required. There may also be limitations with the equipment which could be used as given the condition of the wall it would be inadvisable to place heavy plant between the tree and wall.

As the wall has now started to fail, it is critical that action is taken immediately to prevent further failure occurring. In the short term (until a more permanent solution can be actioned), the remaining sections should be shored. However ultimately the wall should be de-loaded and replaced. De-loading would involve careful excavation behind the wall to reduce the ground level to prevent further collapse. The wall would then need to be removed as excavation progresses as it would be unstable left as a free standing wall, this would also obviously impact the trees.

We trust that the above is satisfactory, however, should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to call.



Yours sincerely

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