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Corporate Resources

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Our ref: 2542/04

For the attention of Mr Henry Pearson, Arboricultural Officer

Dear Sir,

Re: The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (TPO/311)-Land at Grand Hotel, Canal Street, South Wigston, Leicestershire. LE18 4PP

Following our Client's receipt of your Tree Preservation Order dated 16th June 2016, we write with the following comments.

Our Client is aware of the importance of the 4No. Lime Trees named in the Order and has previously sought permission to fell the trees and replace them with a species more suitable for their location.

It is our Clients concern that because the trees are healthy, due to their proximity to the boundary wall of the property they currently are and will continue to cause damage to the structure of the wall. This boundary wall is described in the South Wigston Conservation Appraisal as a '*very fine gault and red brick boundary wall*'.

Our Client is concerned that the decision to issue a TPO on the trees will cause him considerable expense when damage is caused to the wall by the root structure of the individual trees which sit considerably higher than the pavement level and wishes to put on record his intention to seek recompense for any damage caused from the Local Authority following the issuing of this TPO.

As you can appreciate from the sensitive work carried out to the Grand Hotel and it's surroundings by our Client over the last few years, he is determined to preserve and enhance this great local building and does not wish for further damage to be caused to the structure of the boundary wall.

We accept that the trees form an impressive vista when viewed from Canal Street and Timber Street but our Client would like you to look again at the proposal for replacing them at a greater distance from the wall thereby alleviating any potential for wall damage with examples of semi-mature trees of a species more suitable for this setting.

These would still provide the screening of the garden area and also the factory behind currently carried out by the canopies of the 4No. Lime trees.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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