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Mr Doswell
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Our Ref: 251703 - Let 1

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Dear Mr Doswell

Re: Tree issues at Sholing Football Club, Portsmouth Rd, Southampton

I write with regard to my ongoing involvement with the above project. Most recently, I was asked to return to site to survey additional trees, review revised proposals for drainage discharging into the existing stream to the north of the site and provide brief comments on any arboricultural implications in the form of an addendum to my earlier tree report (ecourban reference '251703 - AIA 3').

For this purpose, I was provided with an updated topographical survey (drawing reference 'Sholing Football Club - Survey REV B') together with a proposed drainage layout (drawing reference 424986-200P4_201P4_202P3_203P2_204P3_210P4'). Attached is my drawing (ecourban reference 'ECO 7'), which shows the updated tree survey information superimposed onto the revised survey and drainage proposals.

The proposed drainage route is shown passing beneath hedge H3. This hedge is relatively young and it is considered feasible either to temporarily remove a short section of hedge and subsequently reinstate it following installation of the drainage pipework, or alternatively to terminate trench excavation adjacent to the hedge and install a short section of pipe beneath it using a suitable trenchless technique. Either approach should help minimise disturbance to tree roots while allowing the pipework to be positioned below the principal hedge rooting zone.

Earlier iterations of the drainage design showed pipework located in close proximity to trees along the western site boundary. The alignment has since been amended such that the pipework now lies outside the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of these trees. However, the revised route passes through a group of recently planted trees to the north. Given their size and spacing, it is considered likely that a suitable alignment can be achieved through this area without necessitating tree removal.

A short section of pipework would, however, be required within the RPAs of trees G12-5 and G12-9 before discharging into the stream on the northern boundary. Subject to appropriate arboricultural supervision, excavation within these areas could be undertaken with the objective of retaining and working around significant roots wherever practicable. Should root pruning prove necessary, roots could be cut back to suitable live growth points using sharp hand-operated tools, such as bypass secateurs or a handsaw, in accordance with accepted arboricultural practice.

I trust the above information is helpful. However, please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the points raised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barrie Draper', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

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Attached: 1: Drawing 'ECO 7'

