Appendix 2
Letter to Client.

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19/10/2012

Mr Turner

In regards to your *Cercis siliquastrum* (Judas Tree).

This large multi-stem tree at the front of the property is a key focal point from both the property and publically. After a discussion with Mrs Turner where she showed a preference for keeping the tree, it was decided that retention could be achieved whilst maintaining your responsibility to the safety of the public highway.

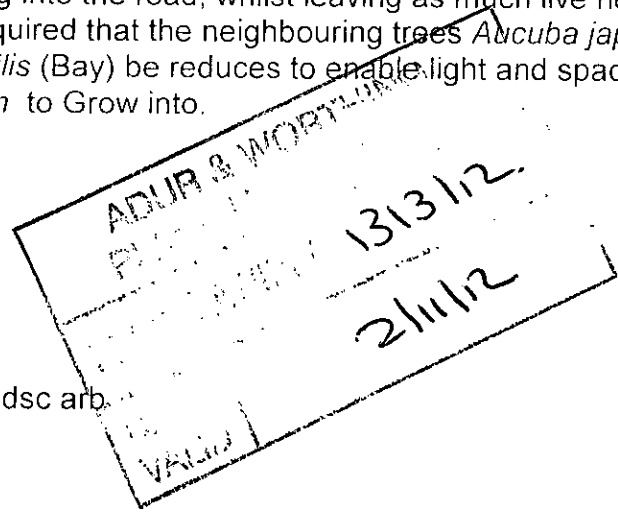
On inspection the tree was found to be in a decline of heath with dead wood, multiple cavities, week unions and hazard beams present. The base of the tree has large area of dysfunction and decay leading to limbs fracturing out.

There is evidence of propping of limbs that dates back many years this suggests the tree has been in decline over a long period, and thus this stage of health was not unforeseeable.

The location of this tree being adjacent to the road and overhanging the driveway means that this tree cannot be left to die with dignity but remedial action is required.

It is my suggestion that the tree be reduced in size and height to remove the risk of falling into the road, whilst leaving as much live healthy tree as possible. It is also required that the neighbouring trees *Aucuba japonica* (Laurel) and *Laurus nobilis* (Bay) be reduces to enable light and space for the *C. Siliquastrum* to Grow into.

Regards



Ben Tidey Fdsc arb.