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Dear Mr & Mrs Taylor

Tree related subsidence at 55 Darton Road, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S Yorkshire, S75 4HY

As you may be aware, your neighbour at the above property has made an insurance claim for damage suffered at their property.

Engineers from Cunningham Lindsey (engineers and loss adjusters for the insurer of the above property) have investigated the claim and have reached the conclusion that the damage to the right hand side of the property is a result of clay shrinkage subsidence caused by nearby vegetation.

Trees, climbers and large shrubs all take water from clay soils each day to live and grow. However as the water leaves the soil the clay shrinks and foundations may move.

We have been appointed as arboriculturists (tree specialists) to make vegetation management recommendations and to liaise with the owners of the vegetation.

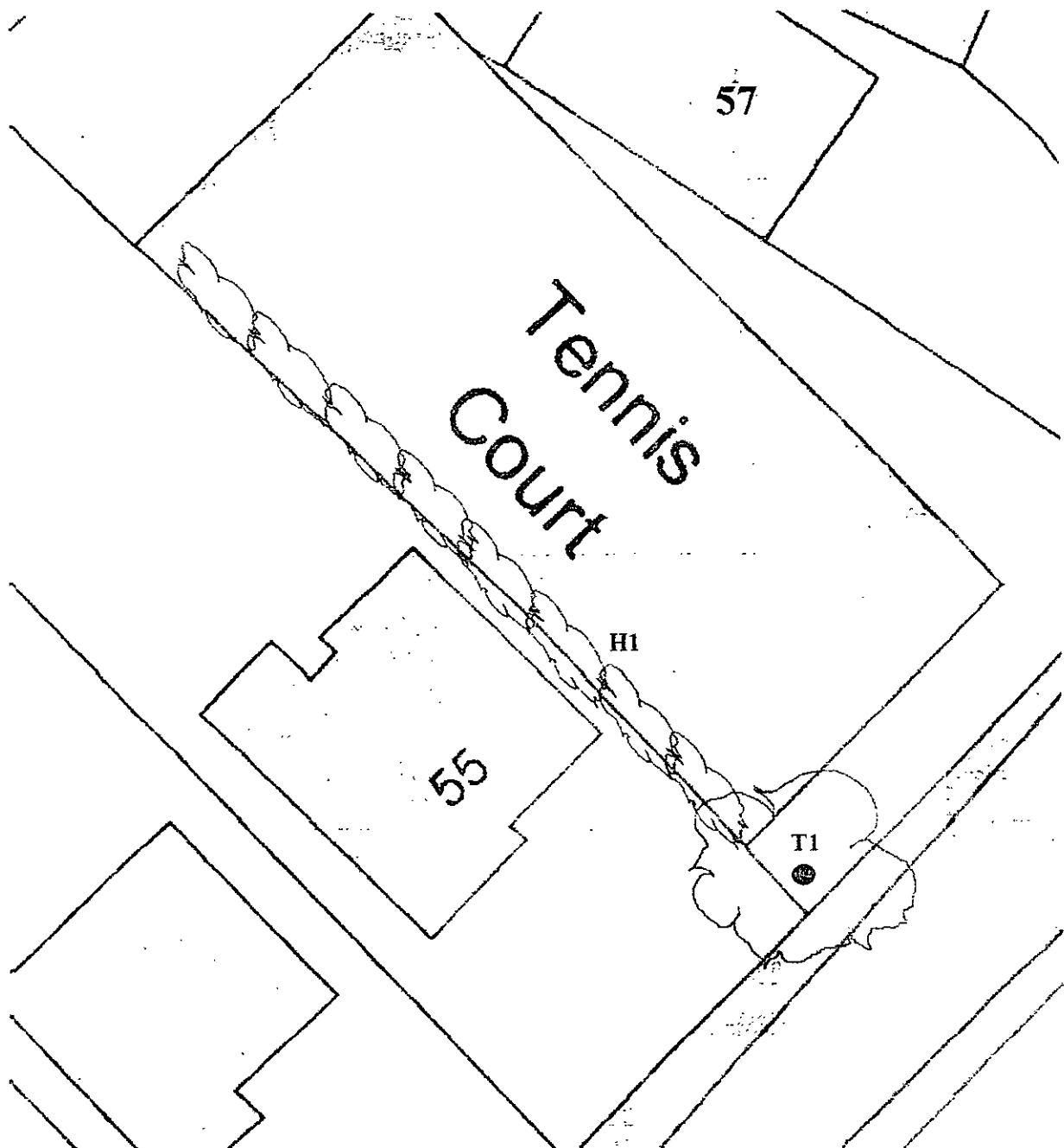
The table below indicates the vegetation, which we consider, is the cause of the damage and our recommendations.

Tree No.	Species	Recommendation
T1	Horse Chestnut	Fell to ground level and treat stump with herbicide
H1	Cypress	Fell to ground level within 3m of the property

As you can see, we have proposed the removal of Horse Chestnut (T1) and Cypress (H1), as shown on the enclosed site plan. We are therefore writing to ask that you confirm your ownership of Horse Chestnut (T1) and Cypress (H1) and we seek your agreement to our recommendations concerning this vegetation.

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(NB: This plan identifies the trees considered implicated in the subsidence event and may not be a comprehensive record of site features.)

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