

## FILE NOTE

**Project/Site:** 82 Fitzjohn Avenue, Hampstead

**Meeting Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

**Attendees:** Jay Denham (JD)                      Sherlock  
Steve Westmore (SW)                      Tree Frontiers

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### **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

- The meeting was an Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) visit in accordance with Condition 4 (Tree Protection) for development of the site (Camden Council Ref: 2021/1787/P) and in relation to approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) prepared by TreTec in 2021.
- The site visit was to check the following:
  1. Remedial works to rectify compaction damage to trees has been completed appropriately; and
  2. Tree Protective Fencing (TPF) has been erected and maintained in accordance with the AMS.
- For ease of reference, the tree numbers used in the TreTec report have been utilised throughout this report and in corresponding photographs.

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### **AREAS OF DISCUSSION:**

#### **1. Tree Protective Fencing**

- 1.1. Tree Protective Fencing (TPF) has been erected and maintained in accordance with the approved arboricultural documents and appropriate signs have been attached (see Plates 1 – 10 below). The fencing consists of either scaffold frame with Heras 151 panels attached, or Heras 151 in rubberised feet, or utilising a rear stabilising strut for stability.



*Plate 1 - TPF Signs in place*



*Plate 2 - TPF adjacent T2*



*Plate 3 - TPF adjacent T2*



*Plate 4 - TPF adjacent T3*



*Plate 5 - TPF adjacent T3 and T5*



*Plate 6 - TPF adjacent T10*





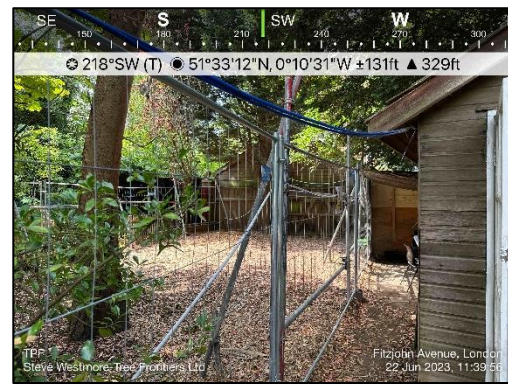
*Plate 7 - TPF adjacent T10*



*Plate 8 - TPF adjacent T10*



*Plate 9 - TPF adjacent T13 – T19*



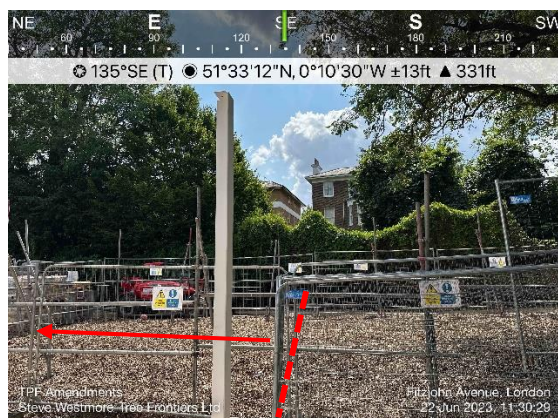
*Plate 10 - TPF adjacent T13 – T19*

## 2. Mitigation Measures

- 2.1. SW noted that the mitigation measures that had been proposed to alleviate compaction damage from breaches of the Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZ) had been completed. This includes decompaction of the rooting environments and introduction of bark mulch to improve the site conditions. This is evident behind the TPF in Plates 6-10 above.

## 3. Proposed Variations to Tree Protection Measures

- 3.1. JD indicated that a significant section of TPF had been erected to the east of T10 (Ash), in accordance with approved documents, but queried the extent of the TPF as it is well beyond the tree canopy and Root Protection Area (RPA). SW agreed that the TPF in this area does not provide any additional protection to this tree and that an adjustment would not detract from the necessary protection measures (see Plates 11 & 12 below), but that liaison with the LPA would be required before amendments could be undertaken.



*Plate 11 – Proposed TPF variation adjacent T10 (indicative relocation identified with red dashed line with area to left removed from CEZ)*



*Plate 12 – Proposed TPF variation adjacent T10 (indicative relocation identified with red dashed line with area to right removed from CEZ)*

- 3.2. SW advised JD that a revised TPP would be prepared that provides further clarity on tree protection measures. SW further advised that any revised plan would need written confirmation from the Local Planning Authority before the recommendations could be implemented as it would deviate from the approved documents.
- 3.3. For ease of reference, a new TPP (including mitigation measures) has been attached to this note. Provision of the original tree survey has not been provided and as such, updated arboricultural information has been provided. While the tree numbers differ from that of the approved documents, the proposed protection measures remain accurate.
- 3.4. SW confirmed he would liaise with Camden Council and seek to get the new tree protection measures agreed in writing as swiftly as possible.
- 3.5. The proposed variations are best interpreted through the graphical representation on the TPP, but a summary is as follows:
  - Remove redundant TPF adjacent to T10 that is neither protecting the RPA nor canopy; and
  - Utilise existing close-board fencing as TPF, with Heras 151 system tied into, to create CEZ.
- 3.6. SW also informed that an ongoing Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) service would be required in accordance with the existing consent. This would be required regardless of any proposed variations being approved.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- A1 SW to liaise with Camden Council regarding TPF adjustments
- A2 JD to provide photographic evidence of TPF adjustments (if approved).
- A3 SW to provide ongoing ACoW service and reports to Camden Council

**CIRCULATION:**

As attendees plus:

Tom Little	Tree Officer	Camden Council
Daniel Ridgway	Landscape Architect	Jinny Blom
Jinny Blom	Landscape Architect	Jinny Blom
John O'Neil	Project Manager	JLLC
Liven Jansen	Architect	Charlton Brown Architects
Chloe Staddon	Planning Consultant	Gerald Eve

**ATTACHMENTS:**

155-FIT-DRW-TPP-02 Revised Tree Protection Plan