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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR:

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1.1 The existing site is a residential property whose front and rear gardens contain a number of trees potentially constraining development. The proposal includes a single storey rear extension as well as landscaping works in the rear garden.

1.2 There are 6 trees on the property that are within close proximity to the development and need to be assessed. With the exception of one moderate quality tree, these are all judged as being low-quality specimens.

1.3 The report has assessed the impacts of the development proposals and concludes there would be at most a low impact on the resource: one small low-quality tree will be removed or pruned to facilitate construction. This specimen has more collective than individual specimen value, such that its loss could more readily be mitigated with new planting, bringing its own benefits to a relatively unmanaged resource.

1.4 Whilst the default position is that structures be located outside the Root Protection Area* (RPA) of trees to be retained, there are some modest encroachments that could not be avoided in the design of the scheme. The report has demonstrated that the tree(s) can remain viable and that the area lost to encroachment can be compensated for elsewhere, contiguous with the RPA; the report also proposes a series of mitigation measures to improve the soil environment that is used by the tree for growth. Net impacts are assessed therefore as being low.

1.5 Notwithstanding the above assurances, the report sets out a series of recommendations prior and during construction that will ensure impacts to trees are minimised. These are detailed in sections 6.3 and 8 of this report.

1.6 In conclusion, the proposal, through following the above recommendations, will have no, or very limited, impact on the existing trees and is acceptable.

* British Standards Institute: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction BS 5837: 2012 HMSO, London

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Terms of Reference

2.1.1 Studio Carver instructed Landmark Trees (LT) to prepare this Arboricultural Impact Assessment on behalf of their client, to support a full planning application submitted to the London Borough of Camden ('LBC').

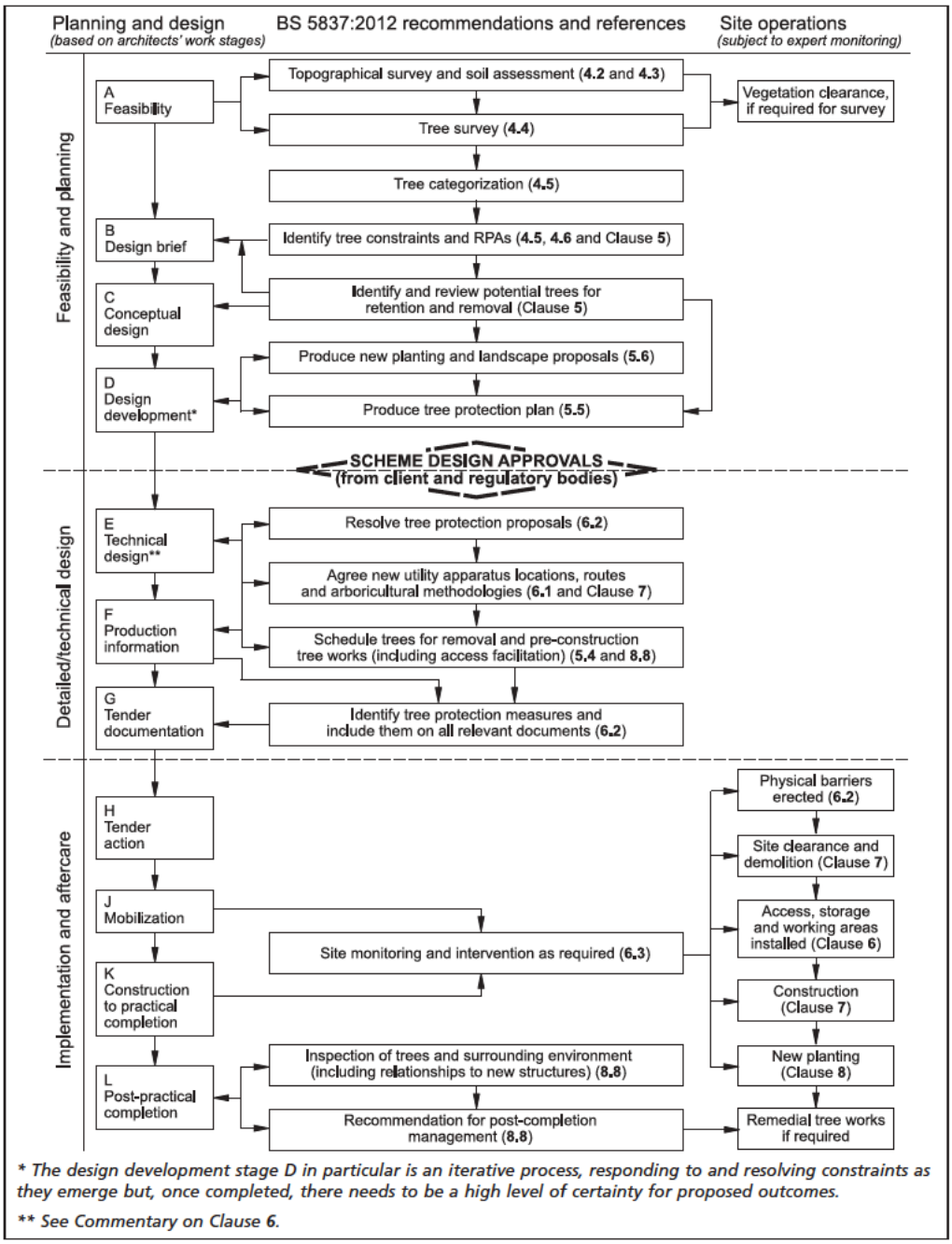
2.1.2 The application relates to the provision of a single-storey rear extension and the re-landscaping of the rear garden including removal of existing retaining walls, pergola, planters, timber shed, and extending lawn and shrub/flower beds to the rear of the property.

2.1.3 This report will assess the impact on trees and their constraints, identified in our survey. Although the proposals were known at the time of the survey, Landmark Trees endeavour to survey each site blind, working from a topographical survey, wherever possible, with the constraints plan informing their evolution. The purpose of the report is to provide guidance on how trees and other vegetation can be integrated into construction and development design schemes. The overall aim is to ensure the protection of amenity by trees which are appropriate for retention.

2.1.4 Trees are a material consideration for a Local Planning Authority when determining planning applications, whether or not they are afforded the statutory protection of a Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area. British Standard BS 5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction sets out the principles and procedures to be applied to achieve a harmonious and sustainable relationship between trees and new developments. The Standard recommends a sequence of activities (see Fig.1 overleaf) that starts in the initial feasibility and design phase (RIBA Stage 2 'Concept Design' as defined in 2012) with a survey to qualify and quantify the trees on site and establish the arboricultural constraints to development (above- and below-ground) to inform the design in an iterative process, and continues with an assessment of the arboricultural impacts of the final design and measures to mitigate such impacts should they be negative. Detailed technical specifications for mitigation and protection measures are devised in the design phase that follows (RIBA Stage 3-4 'Developed and Technical design'), and the sequence ends with the Implementation and Aftercare phase (RIBA Stages 5-7) with the implementation of those measures once planning permission is granted, guided by Arboricultural Method Statements (RIBA Stage 4-5, 'Technical Design and Construction) and professional guidance where appropriate.

2.1.5 **This report is produced to support the Design Team to the Scheme Design Approvals stage in the process chart overleaf.**

Figure 1 The design and construction process and tree care



** The design development stage D in particular is an iterative process, responding to and resolving constraints as they emerge but, once completed, there needs to be a high level of certainty for proposed outcomes.*

*** See Commentary on Clause 6.*

2.2 Drawings Supplied

2.2.1 The drawings supplied by the client and relied upon by Landmark Trees in the formulation of our survey plans are:

Existing site survey: 2301_EX_020

Proposals: 2301_PL_020

2.3 Scope & Limitations of Survey

2.3.1 As Landmark Trees' (LT) arboricultural consultant, Kim Dear surveyed the trees on site on the 15th of September 2023, recording relevant qualitative data in order to assess both their suitability for retention and their constraints upon the site, in accordance with British Standard 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations [BS5837:2012].

2.3.2 Our survey of the trees, the soils and any other factors, is of a preliminary nature. The trees were SURVEYED on the basis of the Visual Tree Assessment method expounded by Mattheck and Breloer (The Body Language of Trees, DoE booklet Research for Amenity Trees No. 4, 1994). LT have not taken any samples for analysis and the trees were not climbed but inspected from ground level.

2.3.3 The results of the tree survey, including material constraints arising from existing trees that merit retention, should be used (along with any other relevant baseline data) to inform feasibility studies and design options. For this reason, the tree survey should be completed and made available to designers prior to and/or independently of any specific proposals for development. Tree surveys undertaken after a detailed design has been prepared can identify significant conflicts: in such cases, the nature of and need for the proposed development should be set against the quality and values of affected trees. The extent to which the design can be modified to accommodate those trees meriting retention should be carefully considered. Where proposed development is subject to planning control, a tree survey should be regarded as an important part of the evidence base underpinning the design and access statement

2.3.4 A tree survey is generally considered invalid in planning terms after 2 years, but changes in tree condition may occur at any time, particularly after acute (e.g. storm events) or prolonged (e.g. drought) environmental stresses or injuries (e.g. root severance). Routine surveys at different times of the year and within two - three years of each other (subject to the incidence of the above stresses) are recommended for the health and safety management of trees remote from highways or busy access routes. Annual surveys are recommended for the latter.

2.3.5 The survey does not cover the arrangements that may be required in connection with the laying or removal of underground services.

2.4 Survey Data & Report Layout

2.4.1 Detailed records of individual trees are given in the survey schedule in Appendix 1. Recommendations for tree works that comprise the minimum requirements to facilitate development and which form part of the planning application are provided at Appendix 2.

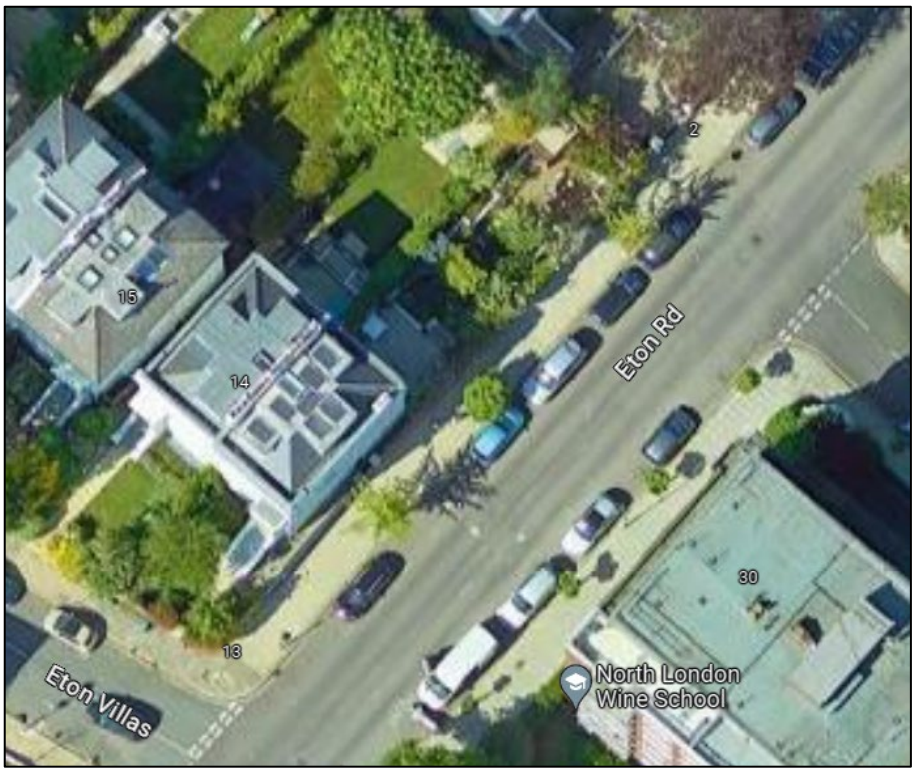
2.4.2 A site plan identifying the surveyed trees, based on the Instructing Party's drawings / topographical survey is provided in Part 3 of this report. This plan also serves as the Tree Constraints Plan with the theoretical Recommended Protection Areas (RPAs), tree canopies and shade constraints, (from BS5837: 2012) overlain onto it. These constraints are then overlain in turn onto the Instructing Party's proposals to create a second Arboricultural Impact Assessment Plan in Part 3. Physical measures required to protect trees during construction are then added to this plan to create an Outline Tree Protection Plan.

2.4.3 Whilst we endeavour to review all relevant documentation / plans prior to producing this Outline Tree Protection Plan, there may be instances where this is not possible or they are not available at the time of writing. Those responsible for designing elements including temporary works that may affect trees should recognise the primacy of the tree protection details contained herein and follow its provisions or alert us to potential conflicts.

2.4.4 General observations, discussion, conclusions and recommendations follow, below.

3. SITE CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Property Description & Planning Context



Photograph 1: Aerial view of application site (Source: Google Maps)

3.1.1 This property is located on the corner of Eton Villas and Eton Road and comprises a Grade II listed semi-detached house.

3.1.2 There are a number of level changes within the rear garden with the lawn currently being above the existing patio immediately to the rear of the house and the patio at the very rear of the garden.

3.1.3 We are not aware of the existence of any Tree Preservation Orders*, but understand the site stands within the Eton Conservation Area, which will affect the subject trees: it is a criminal offence to prune, damage or fell such trees without permission from the local authority.

3.1.4 Relevant local planning policies comprise Policies G1 and G7 of the London Plan 2021 and Policies A3, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan (adopted 3rd July 2017).

* If the client is aware of such, we ask that they confirm these details with us. A purchaser of a site will be informed of the existence of any TPOs during the conveyancing process; an existing owner of a site must be served with a copy of any TPOs made during their ownership. Landmark Trees can investigate the matter further on instruction from the client, but this is beyond our normal scope of instruction as it can take c. 28 days to fully discover this information (which is beyond our standard turnaround and will substantially delay the issue of the instructed report). Some LPAs maintain registers online and / or offer a more rapid telephone or email response. These services though are not wholly reliable and we have had experience of receiving incorrect advice.

3.2 Soil Description

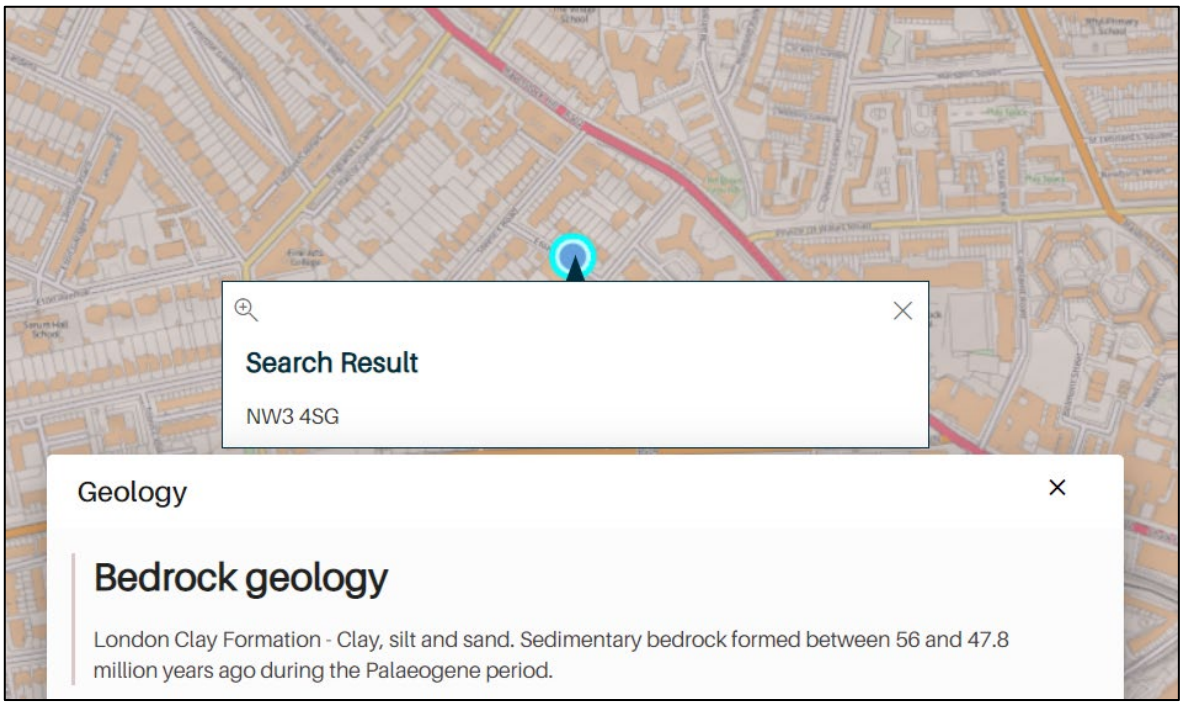


Figure 2: Extract from the BGS Geology of Britain Viewer

3.2.1 In terms of the British Geological Survey, the site overlies the London Clay Formation (see indicated location on Fig.1 plan extract above). The associated soils are generally, highly shrinkable clay; e.g. slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay. Such highly plastic soils are prone to movement: subsidence and heave. The actual distribution of the soil series are not as clearly defined on the ground as on plan and there may be anomalies in the actual composition of clay, silt and sand content.

3.2.2 Clay soils are prone to compaction during development with damage to soil structure potentially having a serious impact on tree health. The design of foundations near problematic tree species will also need to take into consideration subsidence risk. Further advice from the relevant experts on the specific soil properties can be sought as necessary.

3.3 Subject Trees

3.3.1 Of the 6 surveyed trees, 1 is category* B (Moderate Quality) and 5 are category C (Low Quality); none are category A (High Quality) or U (Poor Quality).

3.3.2 The tree species found on the site comprise silver birch, Japanese cherry, Swedish whitebeam, southern magnolia and dogwood.

3.3.3 In terms of age demographics there are predominantly semi-mature specimens present with a few early mature trees present.

3.3.4 Full details of the surveyed trees can be found in Appendix 1 of this report.

*page 9 of: British Standards Institute: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction BS 5837: 2012 HMSO, London

Photograph 2: Existing rear garden arrangement (T2 indicated by red arrow)

Photograph 3: Magnolia T4

4. DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS

4.1 Primary Constraints

4.1.1 BS5837: 2012 gives Recommended Protection Areas (RPAs) for any given tree size. The individual RPAs are calculated in the Tree Schedule in Appendix 1 to this report, or rather the notional radius of that RPA, based on a circular protection zone. The prescribed radius is 12-x stem diameter at 1.5m above ground level, except where composite formulae are used in the case of multi-stemmed trees.

4.1.2 Circular RPAs are appropriate for individual specimen trees grown freely, but where there is ground disturbance, the morphology of the RPA can be modified to an alternative polygon, as shown in the diagram below (Figure 3). Alternatively, one need principally remember that RPAs are area-based and not linear – notional rather than fixed entities.

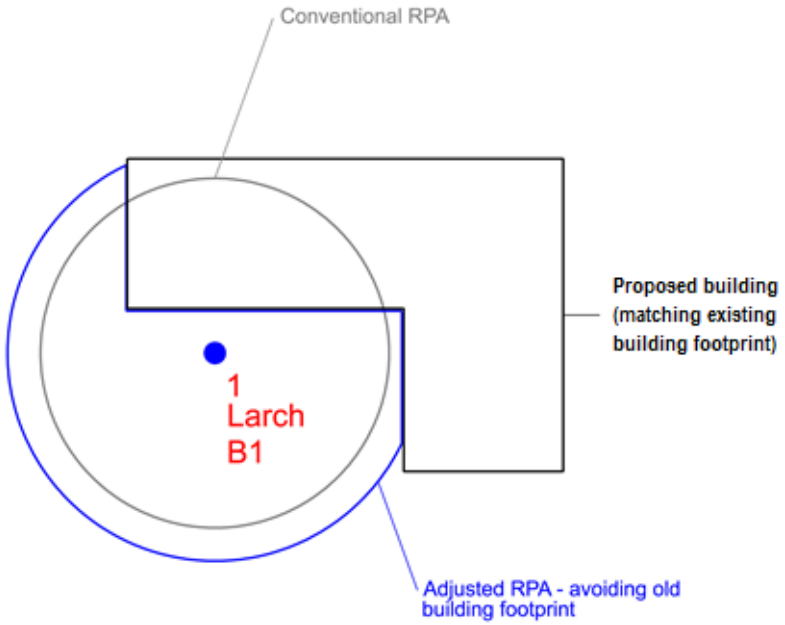


Figure 3 – Generic BS 5837 RPA Adjustments

4.1.3 In BS5837, paragraph 4.6.2 states that RPAs should reflect the morphology and disposition of the roots; where pre-existing site conditions or other factors indicate that rooting has occurred asymmetrically, a polygon of equivalent area should be produced. Modifications to the shape of the RPA should reflect a soundly based arboricultural assessment of likely root distribution. This can be done as a desktop / theoretical exercise but is not altogether (scientifically) reliable and may also invite disagreement / differences of opinion as to that distribution.

4.1.4 LT prefer where possible and practical to raise the issue of modification but suspend judgment until such time as more reliable site investigations have been undertaken (Tree Radar scans and / or trial pits). Of course, the justification for these investigations will depend upon whether trees are (or are likely to be once modified) subject to impacts and also upon their quality / condition: it is generally not worth commissioning a radar study to locate the roots of a poor- or low-quality tree. On other occasions, there may not be the opportunity to commission investigations, either because the access is restricted by ownership / tenancy or the report's turnaround simply does not allow it. **In this instance, a priori RPA modifications have been made to reflect the barriers to rooting that the existing retaining structures in the rear garden have posed.**

4.1.5 The quality of trees will also be a consideration: U Category trees are discounted from the planning process in view of their limited useful life expectancy. Again, Category-C trees would not normally constrain development individually, unless they provide some external screening function.

4.1.6 At paragraph 5.1.1. BS5837: 2012 notes that "Care should be exercised over misplaced tree preservation; attempts to retain too many or unsuitable trees on a site are liable to result in excessive pressure on the trees during demolition or construction work, or post-completion demands on their removal."

4.1.7 In theory, only moderate quality trees and above are significant material constraints on development. However, low quality trees comprise a constraint in aggregate, in terms of any collective loss / removal, where replacement planting is generally considered appropriate.

4.1.8 In this instance, whilst the moderate quality tree within the site's front garden has the potential to constrain wider construction activities such as access or material storage, there are only low quality trees in the rear garden and thus limited constraints upon development.

4.3 Secondary Constraints

4.3.1 The second type of constraint produced by trees that are to be retained is that the proximity of the proposed development to the trees should not threaten their future with ever increasing demands for tree surgery or felling to remove nuisance shading (Figure 4), honeydew deposition or perceived risk of harm.

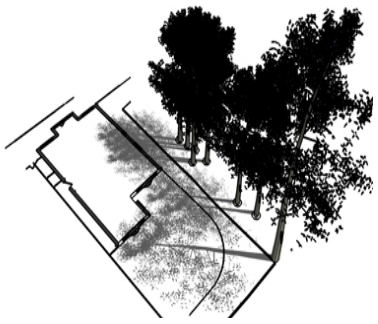


Figure 4 –
Generic Shading Constraints

4.3.2 The shading constraints are crudely determined from BS5837 by drawing an arc from northwest to east of the stem base at a distance equal to the height of the tree, as shown in the diagram opposite. Shade is less of a constraint on non-residential developments, particularly where rooms are only ever temporarily occupied.

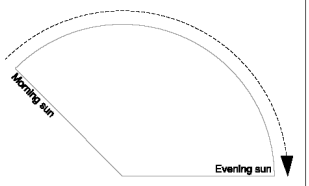


Figure 5 – Shading Arc

4.3.3 This arc (see Figure 5) represents the effects that a tree will have on layout through shade, based on shadow patterns of 1x tree height for a period May to Sept inclusive 10.00-18.00 hrs daily.

4.3.4 Assuming that they will be retained, the orientation of the on-site trees will ensure that shading constraints are minimal, with leaf deposition and honey-dew likely to be as it is today. The significance of these constraints will vary depending on the location and proximity to the proposed re-development which is considered below (in Sections 5 & 6). As specified by BS5837, this section (4) of the report considers only the site as it is, not in the light of pending proposals.

Note: Sections 5 & 6 below will now assess the impacts of the proposals upon constraints identified in Section 4 above. Table 1 in Section 5 presents the impacts in tabular form (drawing upon survey data presented in Appendices 1 & 2). Impacts are presented in terms of whole tree removal and the effect on the landscape or partial encroachment (% of RPA) and its effect on individual tree health. Section 6 discusses the table data, elaborating upon the impacts' significance and mitigation.

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Table 1: Arboricultural Impact Assessment

(Impacts assessed prior to mitigation and rated with reference to Matheny & Clark (1998))

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Ref: SCV_13ETV_AIA

B.S. Cat.	Tree No.	Species	Impact	Tree / RPA Affected	Age	Growth Vitality	Species Tolerance	Impact on Tree Rating	Impact on Site Rating	Mitigation
C	2	Cherry, Japanese	Felled to Facilitate Development	m^2 N/A %	Semi-mature	Moderate	N/A	N/A	Low	New planting / landscaping
C	3	Whitebeam, Swedish	Retaining Structure Demolition within RPA	m^2 N/A %	Semi-mature	Moderate	Moderate	Very Low	Very Low	Use of hand tools only
C	4	Magnolia, Southern	Step Construction within RPA Retaining Structure Demolition within RPA	m^2 N/A %	Semi-mature	Normal	Moderate	Very Low	Very Low	Airspade / manual excavation Use of hand tools only
C	6	Dogwood	Retaining Structure Demolition within RPA	m^2 N/A %	Early Mature	Normal	Moderate	Very Low	Very Low	Use of hand tools only

6. ARBORICULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Rating of Primary Impacts

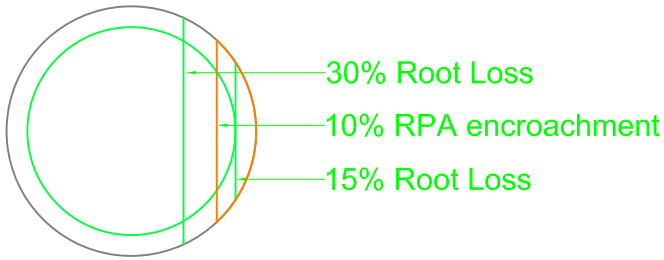
6.1.1 The principal impact in the current proposals is the removal of the cherry T2. In terms of resource management, this comprises a small portion of the whole. This specimen has more collective than individual specimen value such that its loss could more readily be mitigated with new planting, bringing its own benefits of enrichment and diversification to a relatively unmanaged and subsisting resource. The immediate reduction in canopy cover through felling is therefore rated as a low impact unlikely to harm either the resource or the wider conservation area.

6.1.2 Following the modification of the RPAs of T3 and T4, impacts to retained trees comprise the marginal encroachment of T4's RPA by the uppermost step up to the extended and the removal of the retaining wall within T6's nominal RPA. Provided these works are carried out manually, impacts to either tree are likely to be negligible and more than offset by the increase in rooting volume both trees will benefit from.

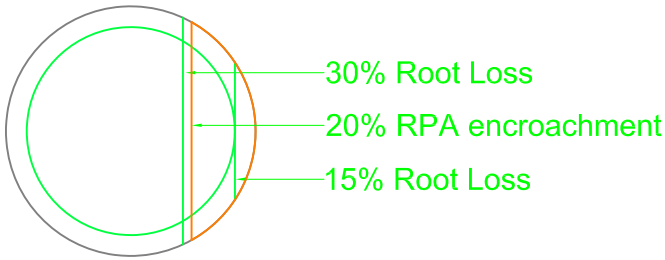
6.1.3 In our view, the tree(s) are of a species, age and condition sufficient to remain viable in the circumstances, provided the series of mitigation measures outlined below are followed to both reduce the immediate impact of working methods and also improve the soil environment that is used by the tree for growth. Supervision and monitoring of such measures will also be essential. Subject to these provisos the net impacts are assessed as being low.

6.1.4 There is no set RPA encroachment that is immediately permissible. However, at para 5.3.a of BS5837, the project arboriculturist is charged with demonstrating that the tree(s) will remain viable in the instance of RPA encroachment. Whilst there is little research on RPA encroachment itself, there have been various commonly cited studies of root severance (see overleaf). Whilst the RPA is not coextensive with the wider root system, one can make some correlations after Thomas (2014): in average (sic) conditions, a straight line tangential with a tree's canopy would transect 15% of the root system, for another mid-way to the trunk that figure would be 30%. In the current cases, **the impacts would be well below the lower of these two parameters** as can be seen in Plan 2 in the Appendix or where more irregular in profile, can be gleaned from the percentage RPA encroachments in Table 1. There is no precise correlation between % RPA and root impairment or loss. However, in our experience, most RPA tend to exceed the free-grown canopy spread a little (c. x 1.2 -1.5), suggesting by reference to both Thomas and Fig. 6a - 6c overleaf, RPA encroachments marginally understate the percentage root loss. The informal 20% RPA threshold may equate to c. 30% root loss, and 10% RPA encroachment to c. 20% root loss. The assumptions made here are relatively crude and apply more to open grown trees but are nonetheless illustrative.

RPA: 5m



Area 7.98 sq.m. (10.0%)



Area 15.96 sq.m. (20.0%)

Figure 5a: approximate correlation between RPA encroachment and actual root loss on a free-grown tree of 5m RPA radius (after Thomas (2014))

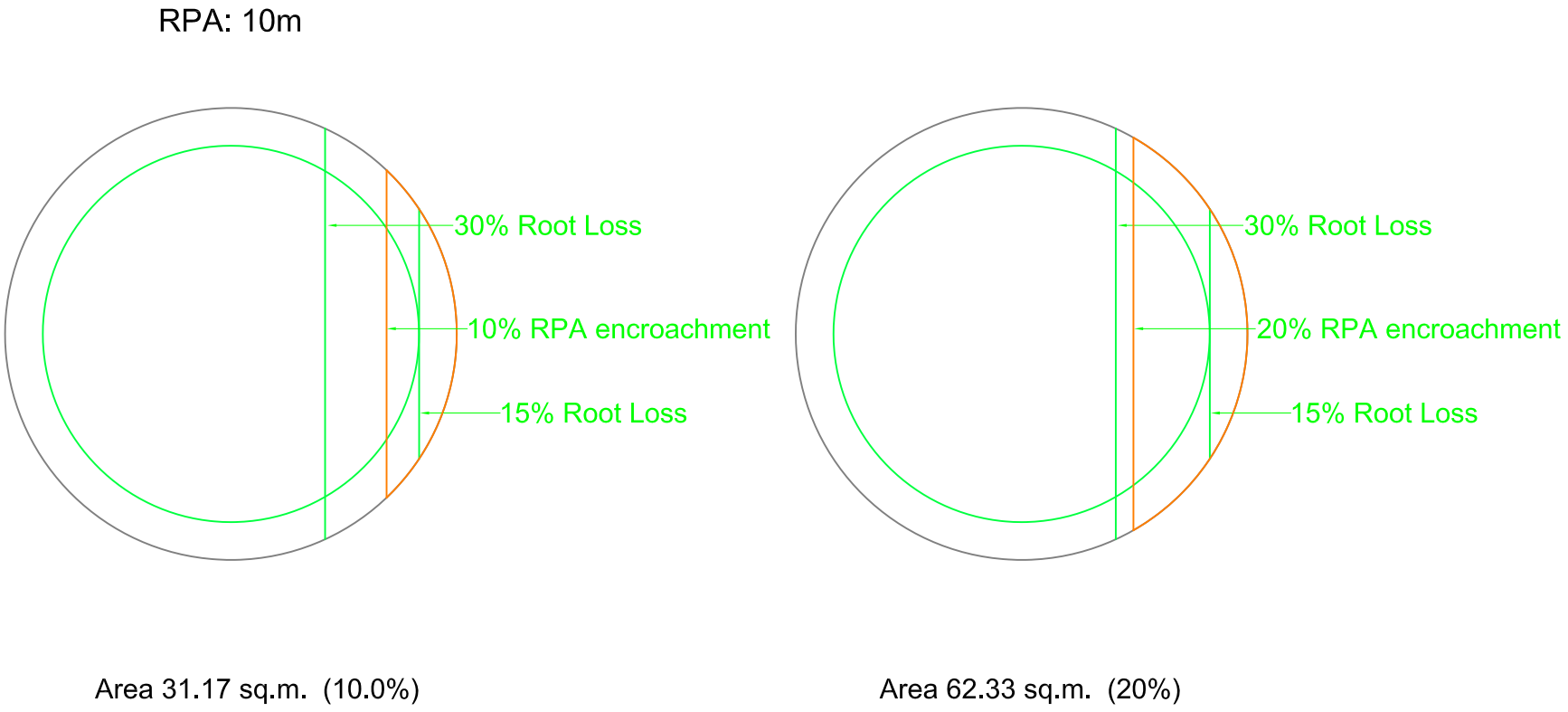


Figure 5b: approximate correlation between RPA encroachment and actual root loss on a free-grown tree of 10m RPA radius (after Thomas (2014))

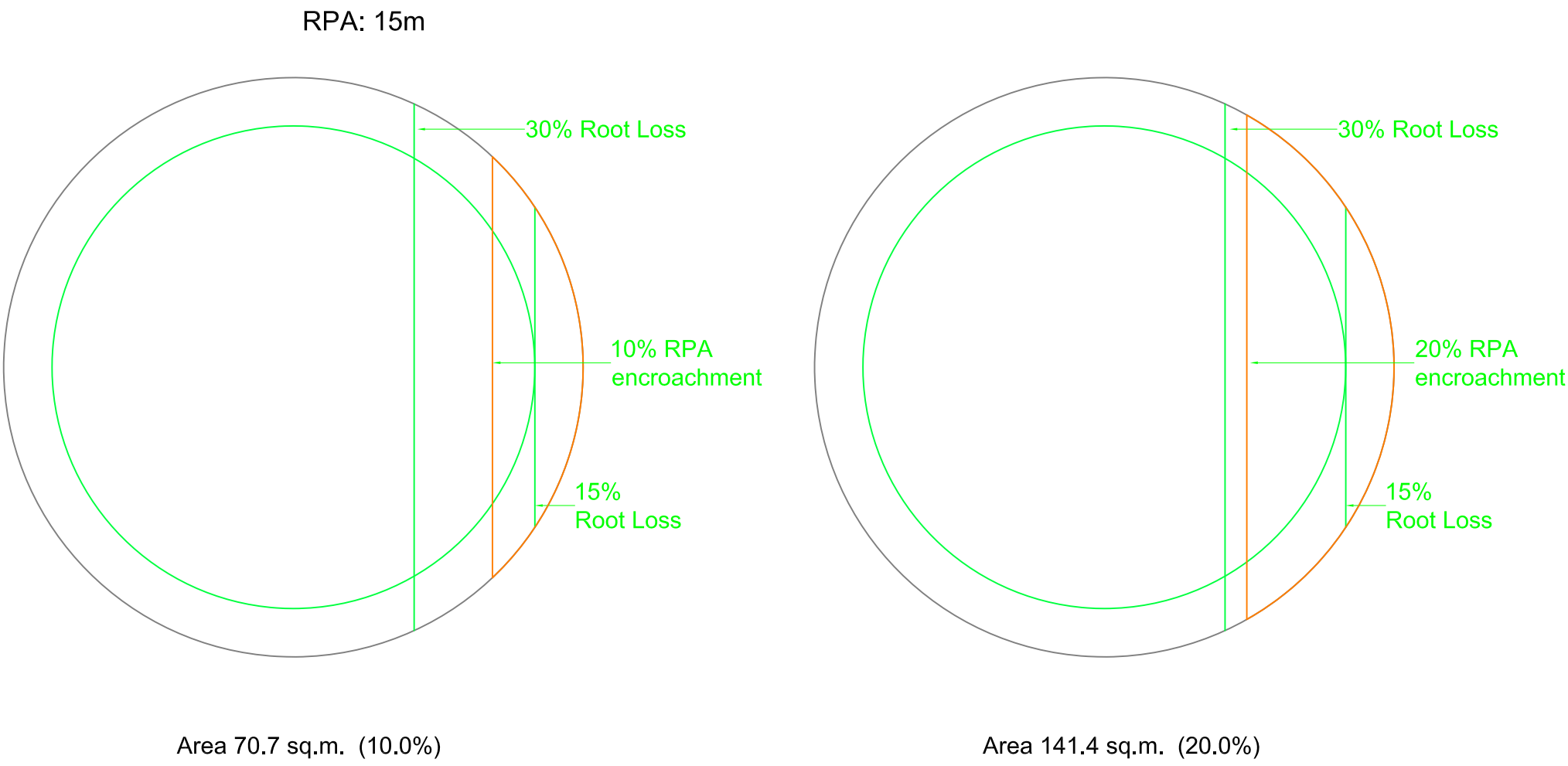


Figure 5c: approximate correlation between RPA encroachment and actual root loss on a free-grown tree of 15m RPA radius (after Thomas (2014))

6.1.5 Published references suggest healthy trees tolerating up to 30-50% root severance in general (Coder, Helliwell and Watson in CEH 2006). "**In practice 50% of roots can sometimes be removed with little problem**, provided there are vigorous roots elsewhere. Inevitably, this degree of root loss will temporarily slow canopy growth and even lead to some dieback" (Thomas 2014). Clearly, it is not the purpose of this report to sanction impacts to test a tree's physiological tolerance, where the guidance recommends the avoidance of impact / RPA encroachment as the default position. However, it has not proved possible at the design stage to avoid such encroachment altogether, and in that regard, the project arboriculturalist has determined that the retained trees can remain viable in the scheme before planning.

6.1.6 The trees in question are shown in Table 1 above to be healthy specimens of species with a good resistance to development impacts, and of an age quite capable of tolerating these limited impacts. Nor do the site characteristics suggest specific soil anomalies (e.g. heavy clay) having a bearing on such considerations, provided appropriate measures (e.g. ground protection) are taken.

6.1.7 As per BS5837 recommendations (at 5.3.1a), the above assessment demonstrates that the tree(s) can remain viable. The guide also recommends (at 5.3.1b) the arboriculturist propose a series of mitigation measures (to improve the soil environment that is used by the tree for growth). These are provided at 6.3 below.

6.2 Rating of Secondary Impacts

6.2.1 There will always be marginal secondary impacts of honeydew / litter deposition and partial shade on this site, regardless of development. Given the proposals do not material alter the existing relationship between trees and the site's occupiers, the status quo is unlikely to change with further development, which is the salient point for planning to consider. Thus, the secondary impacts of development are minimal.

6.3 Mitigation of Impacts

6.3.1 The replanting scheme will offer considerable enhancement and replaces a semi-mature tree of low quality. Replacement trees will have the advantage of being specifically selected for the proposed site, healthy and fit-for-purpose. Design can provide for a diverse range of native and ornamental species that will complement rather than conflict with the proposals, so providing a more sustainable long-term resource for the future. A selection of tree species and cultivars for open and constricted sites is provided in Appendix 3.

6.3.2 The proposals themselves significantly improve the rooting environments of T3 and T6 by increasing the soil volume available to them. Further to this, soft ground within the unaffected parts of encroached RPAs will be treated with a 75mm layer of mulch which will be maintained in place throughout the duration of construction activities.

6.3.3 The demolition of the existing hard landscaping within the rear garden will be carried out using hand held tools only.

6.3.4 The limits of excavation within the modified RPA of T4 will be undertaken manually; any roots encountered will be cleanly pruned back to an appropriate junction with a sharp pruning saw or secateurs. Roots larger than 25mm diameter may only be cut in consultation with an arboriculturalist and the prior approval of LB Camden.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The potential impacts of development are all relatively low in terms of both quality of trees removed and also RPA encroachments of trees retained. In the latter case, the report has demonstrated as per BS5837 paragraph 5.3.1 (a) that the tree(s) can remain viable; the report also proposes as per paragraph 5.3.1 (b) a series of mitigation measures to improve the soil environment that is used by the tree for growth.

7.2 The full potential of the impacts can thus be largely mitigated through design and precautionary measures.

7.3 The species affected are generally tolerant of root disturbance / crown reduction and the retained trees are generally in good health and capable of sustaining these reduced impacts.

7.4 The tree that is recommended for felling is of little individual significance, such that its loss will not affect the visual character of the area.

7.5 Therefore, the proposals will not have any significant impact on either the retained trees or wider landscape thereby complying with Policies G1 and G7 of the London Plan 2021 and Policies A3, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan (adopted 3rd July 2017). Thus, with suitable mitigation and supervision the scheme is recommended to planning.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Specific Recommendations

8.1.1 Recommendations for works required to facilitate development are found in Appendix 2 and a selection of columnar tree species cultivars for constricted sites provided in Appendix 3. Any tree removals recommended within this report should only be carried out with local authority consent.

8.1.2 Excavation and construction impacts within the RPAs of trees identified in Table 1 above, will need to be controlled by the mitigation methods suggested in para 6.3 above and by consultant supervision as necessary.

8.1.3 Replace felled tree T2 with native ornamental nursery stock under current best practice; i.e. conforming to and planted in accordance with the following:

- BS8545: 2014 Code of Practice for Trees from Nursery to Landscape
- BS 3936-1: 1992 Nursery stock. Specification for trees and shrubs; and
- BS 5236:1975 Cultivation and Planting of Trees in the Advanced Nursery Stock Category.
- All replacement stock should be planted and maintained as detailed in BS 4428:1989 (Section 7): Recommendations for General Landscape Operations.

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Caveats

This report is primarily an arboricultural report. Whilst comments relating to matters involving built structures or soil data may appear, any opinion thus expressed should be viewed as qualified, and confirmation from an appropriately qualified professional sought. Such points are usually clearly identified within the body of the report. It is not a full safety survey or subsidence risk assessment survey. These services can be provided but a further fee would be payable. Where matters of tree condition with a safety implication are noted during a survey they will of course appear in the report.

A tree survey is generally considered invalid in planning terms after 2 years, but changes in tree condition may occur at any time, particularly after acute (e.g. storm events) or prolonged (e.g. drought) environmental stresses or injuries (e.g. root severance). Routine surveys at different times of the year and within two - three years of each other (subject to the incidence of the above stresses) are recommended for the health and safety management of trees remote from highways or busy access routes. Annual surveys are recommended for the latter.

Tree works recommendations are found in the Appendices to this report. It is assumed, unless otherwise stated ("ASAP" or "Option to") that all husbandry recommendations will be carried out within 6 months of the report's first issue. Clearly, works required to facilitate development will not be required if the application is shelved or refused. However, necessary husbandry work should not be shelved with the application and should be brought to the attention of the person responsible, by the applicant, if different. Under the Occupiers Liability Act of 1957, the owner (or his agent) of a tree is charged with the due care of protecting persons and property from foreseeable damage and injury.' He is responsible for damage and/or nuisance arising from all parts of the tree, including roots and branches, regardless of the property on which they occur. He also has a duty under The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to provide a safe place of work, during construction. Tree works should only be carried out with local authority consent, where applicable.

Inherent in a tree survey is assessment of the risk associated with trees close to people and their property. Most human activities involve a degree of risk, such risks being commonly accepted if the associated benefits are perceived to be commensurate.

Risks associated with trees tend to increase with the age of the trees concerned, but so do many of the benefits. It will be appreciated, and deemed to be accepted by the client, that the formulation of recommendations for all management of trees will be guided by the cost-benefit analysis (in terms of amenity), of tree work that would remove all risk of tree related damage.

Prior to the commencement of any tree works, an ecological assessment of specific trees may be required to ascertain whether protected species (e.g. bats, badgers and invertebrates etc.) may be affected.

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PART 2 – APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

TREE SCHEDULE

Botanical Tree Names

Birch, Silver	: Betula pendula	Magnolia, Southern	: Magnolia grandiflora
Cherry, Japanese	: Prunus spp	Whitebeam, Swedish	: Sorbus intermedia
Dogwood	: Cornus sanguinea		

Notes for Guidance:

1. Height describes the approximate height of the tree measured in metres from ground level.
2. The Crown Spread refers to the crown radius in meters from the stem centre and is expressed as an average of NSEW aspect if symmetrical.
3. Ground Clearance is the height in metres of crown clearance above adjacent ground level.
4. Stem Diameter (Dm) is the diameter of the stem measured in millimetres at 1.5m from ground level for single stemmed trees. BS 5837:2012 formula (Section 4.6) used to calculate diameter of multi-stemmed trees. Stem Diameter may be estimated where access is restricted and denoted by '#'.
5. Protection Multiplier is 12 and is the number used to calculate the tree's protection radius and area
6. Protection Radius is a radial distance measured from the trunk centre.
7. Growth Vitality - Normal growth, Moderate (below normal), Poor (sparse/weak), Dead (dead or dying tree).
8. Structural Condition - Good (no or only minor defects), Fair (remediable defects), Poor - Major defects present.
9. Landscape Contribution - High (prominent landscape feature), Medium (visible in landscape), Low (secluded/among other trees).
10. B.S. Cat refers to (British Standard 5837:2012 section 4.5) and refers to tree/group quality and value: 'A' – High, 'B' - Moderate, 'C' - Low, 'U' - Unsuitable for retention. The following colouring has been used on the site plans:
    - High Quality (A) (Green),
    - Moderate Quality (B) (Blue),
    - Low Quality (C) (Grey),
    - Unsuitable for Retention (U) (Red)
11. Sub Cat refers to the retention criteria values where 1 is Arboricultural, 2 is Landscape and 3 is Cultural including Conservational, Historic and Commemorative.
12. Useful Life is the tree's estimated remaining contribution in years.

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Appendix 1

BS5837 Tree Constraints Survey Schedule

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Tree No.	English Name	Height	Crown Spread	Ground Clearance	Stem Diamete	Age Class	Protection Radius	Growth Vitality	Structural Condition	B.S. Cat	Sub Cat	Useful Life	Comments
1	Birch, Silver	8	2.5, 222	2.0	245	Early Mature	2.9	Normal	Good	B	2	20+	weeping birch
2	Cherry, Japanese	3	1.5,1,1, 1.5	1.0	90	Semi-mature	1.1	Moderate	Fair	C	2	10+	
3	Whitebeam, Swedish	3.5	1131	1.0	95	Semi-mature	1.1	Moderate	Fair	C	2	10+	Leaning (significantly)
4	Magnolia, Southern	4.5	1122	2.0	250	Semi-mature	3.0	Normal	Fair	C	2	20+	
5	Cherry, Japanese	4	1221	2.0	86	Semi-mature	1.0	Moderate	Fair	C	2	10+	
6	Dogwood	3	1221	0.5	128	Early Mature	1.5	Normal	Fair	C	2	10+	Japanese dogwood.

APPENDIX 2

RECOMMENDED TREE WORKS TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT (See Table 1)

Notes for Guidance:

RP - Pre-emptive root pruning of foundation encroachments under arboricultural supervision.
CB - Cut Back to boundary/clear from structure.
CL# - Crown Lift to given height in meters.
CT#% - Crown Thinning by identified %.
CCL - Crown Clean (remove deadwood/crossing and hazardous branches and stubs)*.
CR#% - Crown Reduce by given maximum % (of outermost branch & twig length)
DWD - Remove deadwood.
Fell - Fell to ground level.
FInv - Further Investigation (generally with decay detection equipment).
Pol - Pollard or re-pollard.
Mon - Check / monitor progress of defect(s) at next consultant inspection which should be <18 months in frequented areas and <3 years in areas of more occasional use. Where clients retain their own ground staff, we recommend an annual in- house inspection and where practical, in the aftermath of extreme weather events.
Svr Ivy / Clr Bs - Sever ivy / clear base and re-inspect base / stem for concealed defects.

*Not generally specified following BS3998:2010

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Appendix 2

Recommended Tree Works To Facilitate Development

Hide irrelevant
Show All Trees

Tree No.	English Name	B.S. Cat	Height	Ground Clearance	Crown Spread	Recommended Works	Comments/ Reasons
2	Cherry, Japanese	C	3	1.0	1.5,1,1, 1.5	Fell	To allow landscape enhancement

APPENDIX 3: A GUIDE TO TREE SELECTION FOR URBAN LOCATIONS

Table A4.1: Small Ornamental Tree Species

Common Name	Species	(Columnar Form for discrete usage)
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Stricta
Cockspur	Crataegus prunifolia	Splendens
Cherry	Prunus x hillieri	Spire
Bird cherry	Prunus padus	Albertii
Rowan / Mountain ash	Sorbus aucuparia	Cardinal Royal
Swedish whitebeam	Sorbus intermedia	Brouwers
B. whitebeam	Sorbus x thuringiaca	Fastigiata

Table A4.2: Medium Specimen Tree Species

Common Name	Species	(Columnar Form for discrete usage)
Chinese red bark birch	Betula albosinensis	Fascination
Mongolian lime	Tilia mongolica	
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	Fastigiata Frans Fontaine
Turkish hazel	Corylus colurna	
Maidenhair tree	Gingko biloba	
Pride of India	Koelreuteria paniculata	Fastigiata
European larch	Larix decidua	Sheerwater Seedling
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipfera	Fastigiata

Table A4.3: Larger Specimen Tree Species

Common Name	Species	(Columnar Form for discrete usage)
English oak	Quercus robur	f. Koster
American elm	Ulmus americana Princeton	
Cedar of Lebanon	Cedrus libani	

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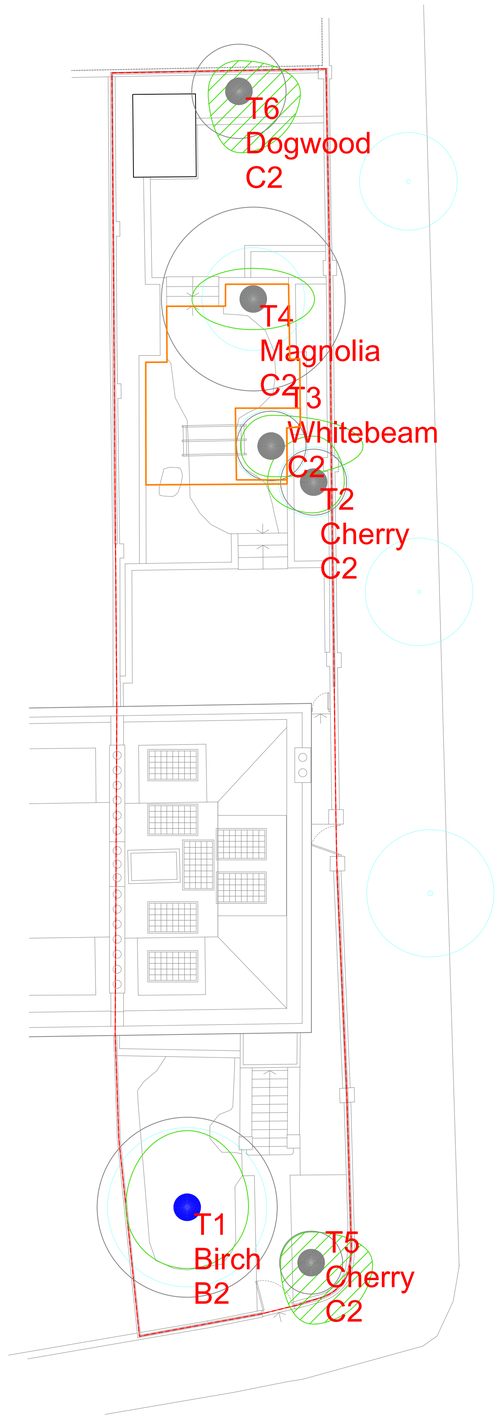
PART 3 – PLANS

PLAN 1

TREE CONSTRAINTS PLAN



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5m
10m

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Key:

- Category A
  High Quality
- Category B
  Moderate Quality
- Category C
  Low Quality
- Category U
  Trees Unsuitable for Retention

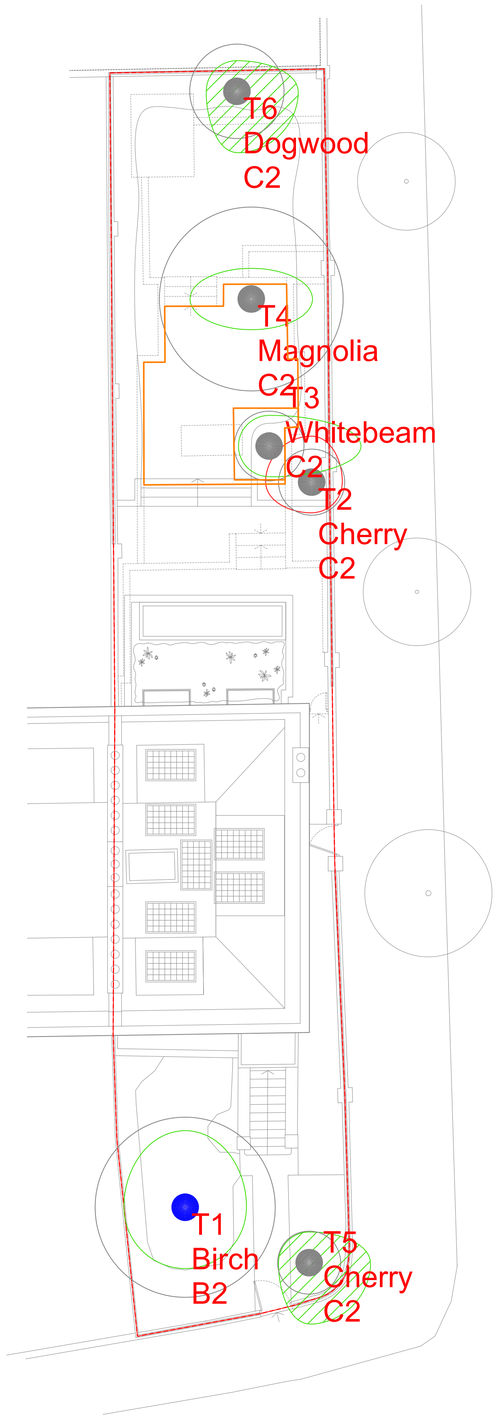
Category
Root Protection Area
13
Birch
B2
Crown Spread
Alternate RPA
Tree Number
Species
Category

Tree Position Approximate (not shown on original survey)

PLAN 2

ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PLAN (S)

i. Ground Floor



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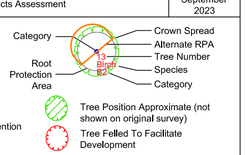

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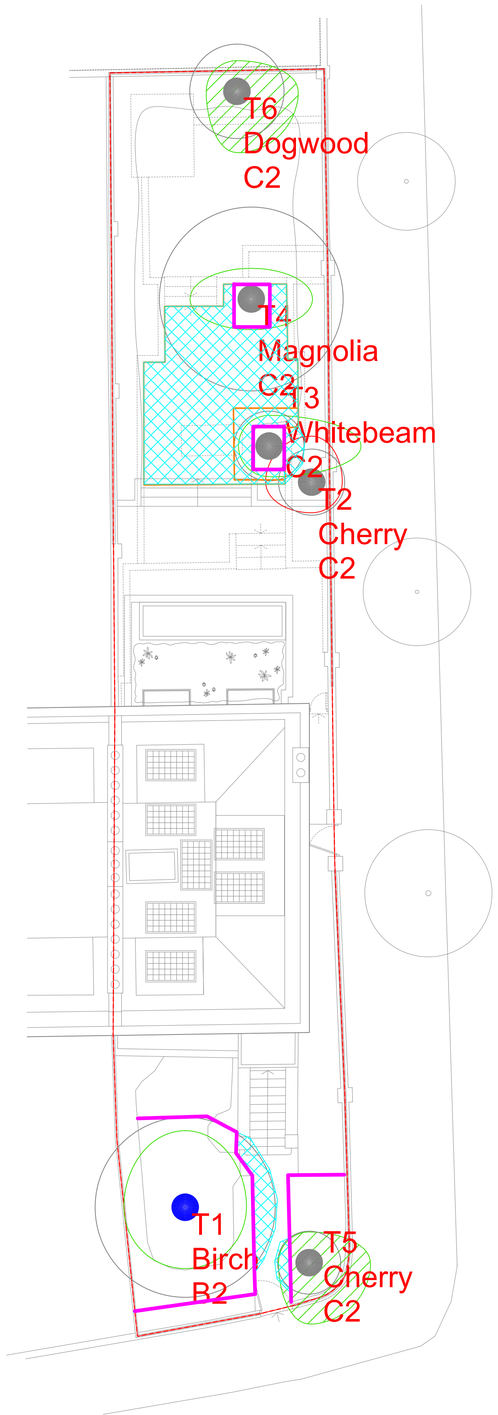
PLAN 3

OUTLINE TREE PROTECTION PLAN



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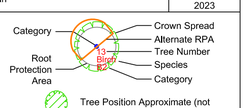
- Ground Protection



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