



Arboricultural Site Report

Site address:

Twyman House,
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Client:

Taylor Wimpey

Date of site inspection:

08th October 2012

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Site Visit

The site visit was carried out on the morning of Monday 8th October 2012.

The purpose of the site visit was to inspect the trial pit, discuss the available options and decide on the best way to progress.

The position of the proposed excavation in relation to T1 had been clearly marked on site.

In attendance:

Alex Hutson - Tree and Landscape Officer, LB Camden
Tom Little – Tree and Landscape Officer, LB Camden
Graham Cook – Taylor Wimpey
Derrick Bowyer – Greater London Demolition
Alan Werritt – Iesis Special Structures

Discussion

A discussion commenced, led by Alex Hutson on the exploration of the options for the position of the manhole.

Grayham Hook outlined the rational behind the position of the manhole and the alternatives explored.

It was agreed that the level of excavation would require the further loss of roots. The total number and the size of the roots that will be required to be cut to facilitate the manhole cannot be established until the excavations are a carried out.

A heavier crown reduction of the tree is inevitable following any excavation as further root loss would be unavoidable.

In order to manage the risk of structural failure the crown of T1 would need to be reduced in proportion to the root loss. The remedial works to ensure the safe retention of T1 following the level of root loss envisioned would be at the very least a heavy crown reduction/ pollard.

In all probability this will ultimately result in the reduction of the amenity provided by the tree to the extent that it would render T1 unworthy of the imposition of the Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The retention of the tree therefore becomes unfeasible and the mitigation of the loss of T1 needs to be agreed.

In Principle agreement

In principle it was agreed that the loss of the tree could be mitigated by appropriate replanting.

The detail of the replanting could be looked at a later date but it was agreed on site that X4 extra heavy standards of a species to be agreed with Camden Council (London Plane was provisionally agreed) could be planted along the frontage of the development.

It is envisioned that these trees will ultimately replace the canopy cover lost by the removal of T1.

Camden council will lead on how best to progress with and application or amendment on order to progress the removal and replacement of T1

In order to improve the rooting area it was agreed that any spill from further excavation will be replaced with suitable soil.

I trust that this has outlined the decision making process on the day accurately, if you have any queries or detail to include, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

Jon