

#### ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT:

56 Belsize Avenue, London NW3 4AA

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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 an inspection they will of course appear in the report.

Inherent in tree inspection 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 costbenefit 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.

## Tree Constraints & Protection Overview

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RPA= Root Protection Area

TPP= Tree Protection Plan

AMS= Arboricultural Method Statement

AIA = Arboricultural Implication Assessment

B\$5837: 2005 'Trees in relation to construction – recommendations'

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report comprises an arboricultural impact assessment of the revised proposals for 56 Belsize Avenue, London NW3 4AA, reviewing any conflicts between the proposals and material tree constraints identified in our survey.
- 1.2 There are 5 trees surveyed on or around the site, of which 2 are 'B' category \*(Moderate Quality), 2 'C' category \*(Low Quality) and 1 'R' category \*(Poor Quality). The three trees (T1-3) in the rear garden are unaffected by the proposals. This report is principally concerned with the two trees (T4 & 5) at the front of the property. T4 is a mature ash tree within the front courtyard garden. The tree is rather large for the small space and has been pruned accordingly to the point that has developed a rather sprawling habit. It is rated C Category. T5 is an early mature, purple maple within the roadside verge. It is unlikely to be affected but will need protecting from site traffic.
- 1.3 In theory, only the good-moderate quality trees are a material constraint on development. However, the low quality trees may still comprise a constraint in terms replacement planting within the conservation area.
- The sole impact in the current proposals is the removal of T4. Although the 1.4 tree is mature and stands within the conservation area it has been rated low quality: its sprawling habit and dominance of the front garden space detracts from the rhythm and line of the open avenue of tall lime trees with their regular and erect habits. Removal of the tree may actually improve the visual character of the area from an aesthetic point of view. There will be a gross environmental loss from the tree's removal, but this loss needs to be netted of all future management costs to cyclical pruning were the tree retained. The environmental benefits of unsuitable trees begin to pale under the fossil fuel commitment of bringing a tree gang in from the suburbs every few years to shoehorn them back into place. It may be more environmentally friendly to replace with a suitable specimen. In this instance, a new lime tree is proposed for the roadside verge to complement the existing lime avenue and replace another verge tree that was recently lost to the area.
- 1.4 Thus, with suitable mitigation, the tree removal is rated low impact and the scheme is held to be arboriculturally viable.

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<sup>\*</sup> British Standards Institute. 2005. Trees in Relation to Construction BS 5837: 2005 HMSO, London

#### 2. INTRODUCTION

#### 2.1 Terms of reference

- 2.1.1 LANDMARK TREES were asked by Mr & Mrs Stirling to undertake an arboricultural planning survey of the site: 56 Belsize Avenue, London NW3 4AA. The report is to accompany a planning application.
- 2.1.2 The proposals are for the construction of PROPOSALS and this report will assess the impact on the 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.
- 2.1.3 I am a Registered Consultant and Fellow of the Arboricultural Association and a Chartered Forester, with a Masters Degree in Arboriculture and 20 years experience of the landscape industry including the Forestry Commission and Agricultural Development and Advisory Service. I am a UK Registered Expert Witness, trained in single joint expert witness duties. I am also Chairman of the UK & I Regional Plant Appraisal Committee, inaugurated to promote international standards of valuation in arboriculture.
- 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:
 Topographical survey – explan140610
 Proposed ground floor – proplan140610

#### 2.3 Scope of survey

- 2.3.1 As Landmark Trees' arboricultural consultant, I surveyed the trees on site on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009, recording relevant qualitative data in order to assess both their suitability for retention and their constraints upon the site, in accordance with British Standard 5837:2005 Trees in relation to construction Recommendations [BS5837].
- 2.3.2 Our survey of the trees, the soils and any other factors, is of a preliminary nature. The trees were inspected 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). I have not taken any samples for analysis and the trees were not climbed, but inspected from ground level.
- 2.3.3 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 to this report.
2.4.2	A site plan identifying the surveyed trees, based on the client's
	drawings / topographical survey is provided in Appendix 4.
2.4.3	This plan also serves as the Tree Constraints Plan with the theoretical
	Recommended Protection Areas (RPA's), tree canopies and shade
	constraints, (from BS5837: 2005) overlain onto it. These constraints
	are then overlain in turn onto the client's proposals to create an
	Arboricultural Impact Assessment Plan in Appendix 5. General
	observations and discussion follow, below.
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#### 3.0 OBSERVATIONS

## 3.1 Site description



Fig. 1 Looking NE along the avenue with T4 (right) & T5 (left) in foreground



Fig. 2 Looking SW along the avenue with established lime avenue

- 3.1.1 The site is a residential terrace in Belsize Park with southeast-facing gardens to the rear and northwest-facing courtyards to the front. The adjoining network of rear gardens provides a good degree of tranquility and greenery. The dominant green infrastructure is the mature lime avenue which characterises the area.
- 3.1.2 The site is relatively level.
- 3.1.3 In terms of the Soil Survey of England and Wales, the soil lies within the unsurveyed area of Greater London where the soils are generally, highly shrinkable clay; e.g. slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay. Such soils are prone to compaction during development. Damage to soil structure can have a serious impact on tree health. Design of foundations near problematic tree species will also need to take into consideration subsidence risk. A structural engineer may be able to advise further on the local geology and its implications for development.

## 3.2 Subject trees

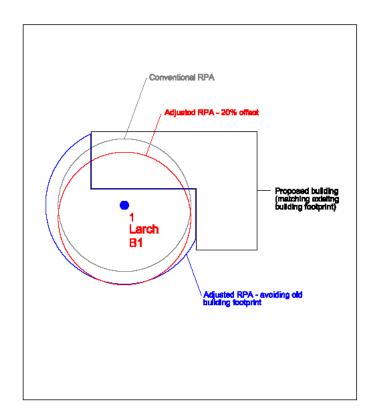
3.2.1 There are 5 trees surveyed on or around the site, of which 2 are 'B' category \*(Moderate Quality), 2 'C' category \*(Low Quality) and 1 'R' category \*(Poor Quality). The three trees (T1-3) in the rear garden are unaffected by the proposals. This report is principally concerned with the two trees (T4 & 5) at the front of the property. T4 is a mature ash tree within the front courtyard garden. The tree is rather large for the small space and has been pruned accordingly to the point that has developed a rather sprawling habit. It is rated C Category. T5 is an early mature, purple maple within the roadside verge.

#### 3.3 Planning Status

# 3.3.1 The property stands within a Conservation Area, which will affect trees on the site. It is a criminal offence to disturb or damage such trees without permission from the local authority.

#### 4.0 DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS

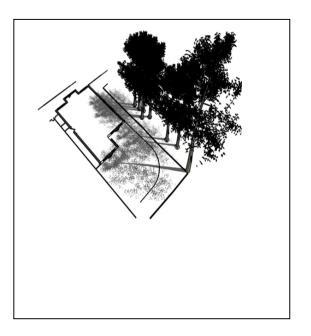
- 4.1 Primary constraints
  - 4.1.1 BS5837: 2005 gives Recommended Protection Areas (RPA's) for any given tree size. The individual RPA's are calculated in the Tree Schedule in Appendix 1 to this report, or rather the notional radius of that RPA, based on a circular protection zone. The prescribed radius is generally 12-x stem diameter at 1.5m above ground level, except where basal diameters are used in the case of multi-stemmed trees, and the radius is set at 10x the diameter.
  - 4.1.2 Circular RPA's are appropriate for individual specimen trees grown freely such as these, but where there is ground disturbance, the morphology of the RPA can be modified to an alternative polygon, and where appropriate shifted 20% in the direction of undisturbed ground, as shown in the diagram below. In less fanciful terms, one needs to remember that RPA's are area-based and not linear. No modifications have been made in this instance.



- 4.1.3 R Category trees are discounted from the process. Category-C trees would not normally constrain development individually, unless they provide some external screening function. As discrete, internal trees, their removal will not affect the wooded envelope that encloses much of the site.
- 4.1.4 "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 development work and subsequent demands for their removal. The end result is usually fewer and less suitable trees than would be the case if proper planning, selection and conservation had been applied from the outset." (BS5837: 2005)
- 4.1.5 In theory, only the good and moderate quality trees are a material constraint on development. However, the low quality trees may still comprise a constraint in terms of at least, replacement planting within the conservation area. Of the two trees to the front of the property, only T5 is B category. T5 is unlikely to be affected by the proposals, but will need protecting from site traffic.

#### 4.2 Secondary Constraints

4.2.1 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, honeydew deposition or perceived risk of harm.



- 4.2.3 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. This arc 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.
- 4.2.4 The principal secondary constraint would be shading on to any light wells illuminating the basement. However, the roadside trees will cast their shadows to the north away from the property.
- Note: Sections 5 & 6 will now assess the impacts upon constraints identified in Section 4. 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.

# 5.0 Table 1: Arboricultural Impact Assessment for Retained Trees

Hide irrelevant Show All Trees

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

B.S. Cat.	Tree No.	Species	Impact	Tree / RPA Affected	Age	Growth Vitality	Species Tolerance	Impact on Tree Rating	Impact on Site Rating	Mitigation
С	4	Ash, Common	Felled to Facilitate Development	m² N/A %	Mature	Normal	N/A	N/A	Low	New planting / landscaping

## 6.0 **DISCUSSION**

#### 6.1 Rating of Primary Impacts

6.1.1	The sole impact in the current proposals is the removal of T4.
	Although the tree is mature and stands within the conservation
	area it has been rated low quality: its sprawling habit and
	dominance of the front garden space detracts from the rhythm
	and line of the open avenue of tall lime trees with their regular
	and erect habits. Removal of the tree may actually improve the
	visual character of the area from an aesthetic point of view.

- 6.1.2 Removal of T4 is rated low impact.
- 6.1.3 There will be a gross environmental loss from the tree's removal, but this loss needs to be netted of all future management costs to cyclical pruning were the tree retained. The environmental benefits of unsuitable trees begin to pale under the fossil fuel commitment of bringing a tree gang in from the suburbs every few years to shoehorn them back into place. It may be more environmentally friendly to replace with a suitable specimen.

# 6.2 Rating of Secondary impacts

6.2.1 There are no secondary impacts in the current proposals.

#### 6.3 Mitigation of Impacts

6.3.1 In this instance, a new lime tree is proposed for the roadside verge to complement the existing lime avenue and replace another verge tree that was recently lost to the area.

# 7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The potential impacts of development are rated low in terms of overall effect on the visual character of the local area.
- 7.2 Therefore, the proposals will not have any significant impact on either the retained trees or wider landscape.

# 8.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 Specific Recommendations
  - 8.1.1 Tree works recommendations are found in Appendix 2 to this report. Any tree removals recommended within this report should only be carried out with local authority consent.
  - 8.1.3 Replace felled tree T4 with 1 x native lime (Tilia cordata) pitplanted as 14-16 cm girth nursery stock under current best practice; i.e. conforming to and planted in accordance with the following:
    - BS 3936:1980 Nursery Stock;
    - BS 4043:1966 Transplanting Semi-Mature Trees; 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.

#### 8.2 General Recommendations

- 8.2.1 Any trees which are in close proximity to buildings proposed for demolishing should be protected with a Tree Protection Barrier (TPB). This TPB should comprise steel, mesh panels 2.2m in height ('Heras') and should be mounted on a scaffolding frame (shown in Fig 2 of BS5837). The position of the TPB can be shown on plan as part of the discharge of conditions, once the lay out is agreed with the planning authority. The TPB should be erected prior to commencement of works, remain in its original form onsite for the duration of works and removed only upon full completion of works.
- 8.2.2 A TPB may no longer be required during soft landscaping work but a full arboricultural assessment must be performed prior to the undertaking of any excavations within the RPA of a tree. This will inform a decision about the requirement of protection measures. It is important that all TPBs have permanent, weatherproof notices denying access to the RPA.
- 8.2.3 The use of heavy plant machinery for building demolition, removal of imported materials and grading of surfaces should take place in one operation. The necessary machinery should be located above the existing grade level and work away from any retained trees. This will ensure that any spoil is removed from the RPAs. It is vital that the original soil level is not lowered as this is likely to cause damage to the shallow root systems.
- 8.2.4 Any pruning works must be in accordance with British Standard 3998:1989 Tree work [BS3998].
- 8.2.5 Where sections of hard surfacing are proposed in close proximity to trees, it is recommended that "No-Dig" surfacing be employed in accordance with BS5837:2005 and 'The Principles of Arboricultural Practice: Note 1, Driveways Close to Trees, AAIS 1996 [APN1]'.

- 8.2.6 Where scaffolding installation is required within the RPA the provisions of Figure 3 of BS5837 with regard to ground protection must be employed.
- 8.2.7 If the RPA of a tree is encroached by underground service routes then BS5837 and NJUG 10 provisions should be employed.
  If it is deemed necessary, further arboricultural advice must be sought.
- 8.2.8 Numerous site activities are potentially damaging to trees e.g. parking, material storage, the use of plant machinery and all other sources of soil compaction. In operating plant, particular care is required to ensure that the operational arcs of excavation and lifting machinery, including their loads, do not physically damage trees when in use.
- 8.2.9 To enable the successful integration of the proposal with the retained trees, the following points will need to be taken into account:
  - 1) Plan of underground services.
  - 2) Schedule of tree protection measures, including the management of harmful substances.
  - Method statements for constructional variations regarding tree proximity (e.g. foundations, surfacing and scaffolding).
  - 4) Site logistics plan to include storage, plant parking/stationing and materials handling.
  - 5) Tree works: felling, required pruning and new planting. All works must be carried out by a competent arborist in accordance with BS3998.

6)	Site supervision: the Site Agent must be nominated to be								
	respo	nsible for all arboricultural matters on site. This							
	person must:								
	*	be present on site for the majority of the time							
	*	be aware of the arboricultural responsibilities							
	*	have the authority to stop work that is causing, or							
		may cause harm to any tree							
	*	ensure all site operatives are aware of their							
		responsibilities to the trees on site and the							
		consequences of a failure to observe these							
		responsibilities.							
	*	make immediate contact with the local authority							
		and/or a retained arboriculturalist in the event of							
		any tree related problems occurring.							
8.2.10	These	points can be resolved and approved through							
	consu	Itation with the planning authority via their Arboricultural							
	Office	r.							
8.2.11	The se	quence of works should be as follows:							
	*	initial tree works: felling, stump grinding and pruning for							
		working clearances							
	*	installation of TPB for demolition & construction							
	*	installation of underground services							
	*	installation of ground protection							
	*	main construction							

- removal of TPB
- \* soft landscaping

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

## **TREE SCHEDULE** - Notes for Guidance

Dm -	is the diameter of the trunk in millimetres at 1.5m
	above ground level.
Spread -	is in metres at the points of the compass relevant
	to the woodland boundary
Class/Colour -	refers to the retention classifications in Section 5.2
	BS5837: 2005 and colouring on the site map -
	Highly High Quality (A) (Green),
	Moderate Quality (B) (Blue),
	Low Quality (C) (Grey),
	Poor Quality (R) (Red)

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# BS5837 Tree Constraints Survey Schedule

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#### Site: 56 Belsize Avenue, London NW3 4AA

#### Date: 14th May 2010

#### Surveyor(s): Adam Hollis

Ref:

Tree No.	English Name	-	Crown Spread	Ground Clearance	Age Class		Protection Multiplier	Protection Radius	Growth Vitality	Structural Condition	Landscape Contribution				Observations
1	Poplar, Lombardy	24	3322	4	Mature	1000	12	12.0	Normal	Fair	High	В	1	20-40	Remote survey only
2	Poplar, Hybrid	12	4433	4	Mature	600	12	7.2	Normal	Poor	Low	R		<10	Unprofessionally topped/lopped Entry wounds on trunk Remote survey only
3	Cedar, Atlantic	8	4223	3	Early Mature	300	12	3.6	Moderate	Fair	Low	С	2	20-40	Remote survey only
4	Ash, Common	15	6,10,8, 5	3	Mature	510	12	6.1	Normal	Fair	Medium	С	2	20-40	Co-dominant limbs Entry wounds on trunk Sprawling habit 5m to build
5	Maple, Norway	16	5344	4.5	Early Mature	380	12	4.6	Normal	Fair	Medium	В	1	20-40	Co-dominant limbs Entry wounds on trunk

#### Notes:

- 1. Height describes the approximate height of the tree measured in meters 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 meters of crown clearance above adjacent ground level.
- Stem Diameter is the diameter of the stem measured in millimeters at 1.5m from ground level for single stemmed trees or at ground level for multi-stemmed trees. Stem Diameter may be estimated where access is restricted.
- 5. Protection Multiplier is 12 for single stemmed and 10 for multi-stemmed trees 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.
- Landscape Contribution High (prominent landscape feature), Medium (visible in landscape), Low (secluded/among other trees).
- 10. B.S. Cat refers to (British Standard 5837:2005 Table 1) and refers to tree/group quality and value; 'A' High, 'B' Moderate, 'C' Low, 'R' Remove.
- 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.

# RECOMMENDED TREE WORKS

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# Recommended Tree Works

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Site: 56 Belsize Avenue, London NW3 4AA

Surveyor(s): Adam Hollis Ref:

Date: 14th May 2010

Tree No.	English Name	Height	Stem Diameter	Crown Spread	Recommended Works	Comments/ Reasons
1	Poplar, Lombardy	24	1000	3322	FInv	Remote survey only
2	Poplar, Hybrid	12	600	4433	Flnv	Unprofessionally topped/lopped Entry wounds on trunk Remote survey only
4	Ash, Common	15	510	6,10,8 ,5	Fell	Co-dominant limbs Entry wounds on trunk Sprawling habit 5m to build Recommended to permit development

#### Notes:

- 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 Monitor ongoing condition (annually by staff / owners & every 2-3 yrs by consultant).
- Svr Ivy / Clr Bs Sever ivy / clear base and re-inspect base / stem for concealed defects.

#### **APPENDIX 3: TREE SELECTION FOR CONSTRICTED SITES**

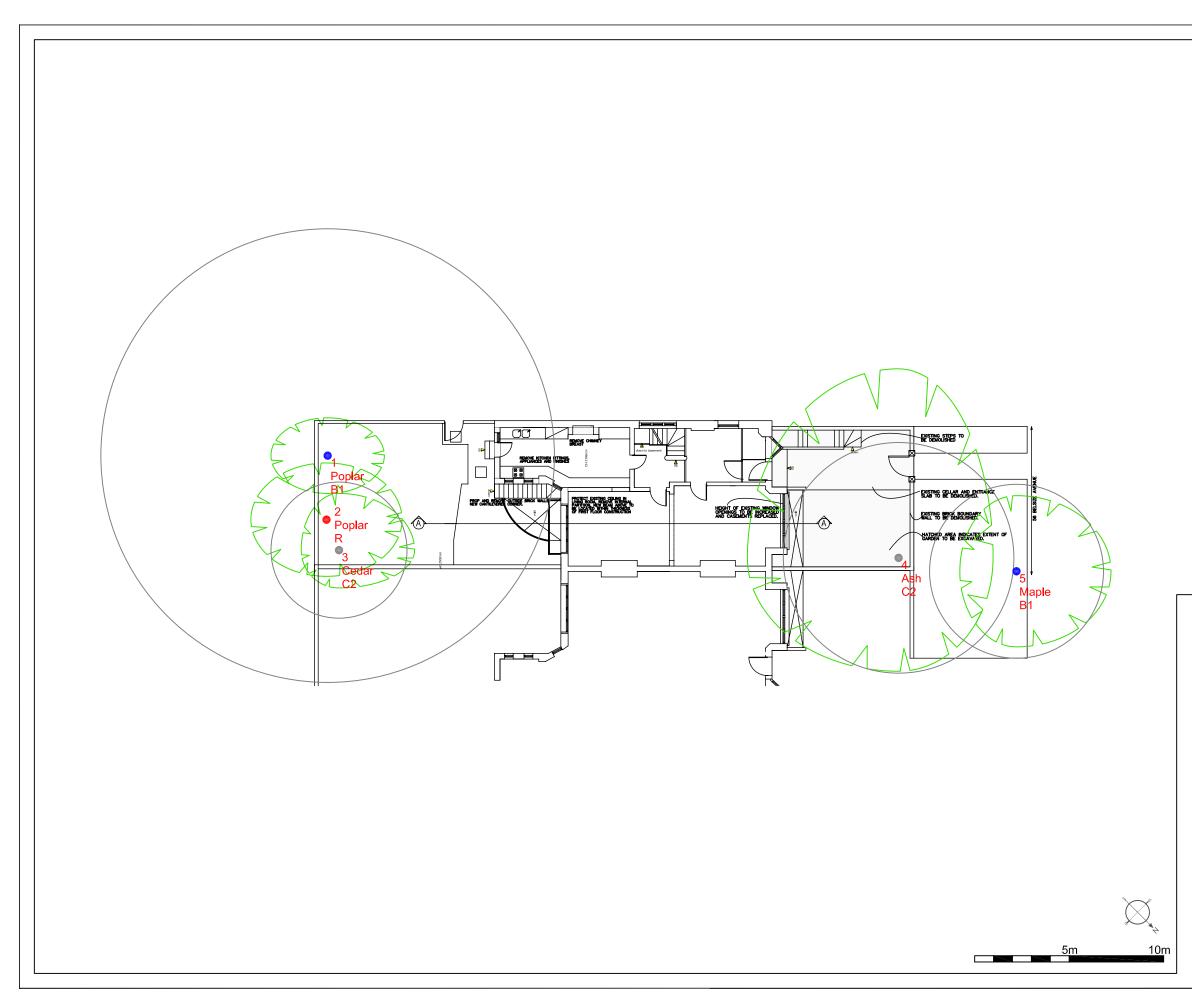
Common Name	Species	Selected Form		
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Stricta		
Cockspur	Crataegus prunifolia	Splendens		
Cherry	Prunus x hillieri	Spire		
Bird cherry	Prunus padus	Albertii		
Rowan / Mountain ash	Sorbus aucuparia	Cardinal Royal		
Rowan / Mountain ash	Sorbus aucuparia	Rossica Major		
Rowan / Mountain ash	Sorbus aucuparia	Sheerwater Seedling		
Swedish whitebeam	Sorbus intermedia	Brouwers		
Bastard whitebeam	Sorbus x thuringiaca	Fastigiata		

Table 4: Rosaceous Tree Species for Constricted Planting Sites

Table 5: Specimen Tree Species for Constricted Planting Sites

Common Name	Species	Selected Form		
Chinese red bark birch	Betula albosinensis	Fascination		
Swedish birch	Betula pendula	Dalecarlica		
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	Fastigiata Frans		
		Fountaine		
Turkish Hazel	Corylus colurna			
Maidenhair tree	Gingko biloba			
Pride of India	Koelreuteria	Fastigiata		
	paniculata			
European larch	Larix decidua	Sheerwater Seedling		
Tulip tree	Liriodendron tulipfera	Fastigiata		

# TREE CONSTRAINTS PLAN



#### NOTE:

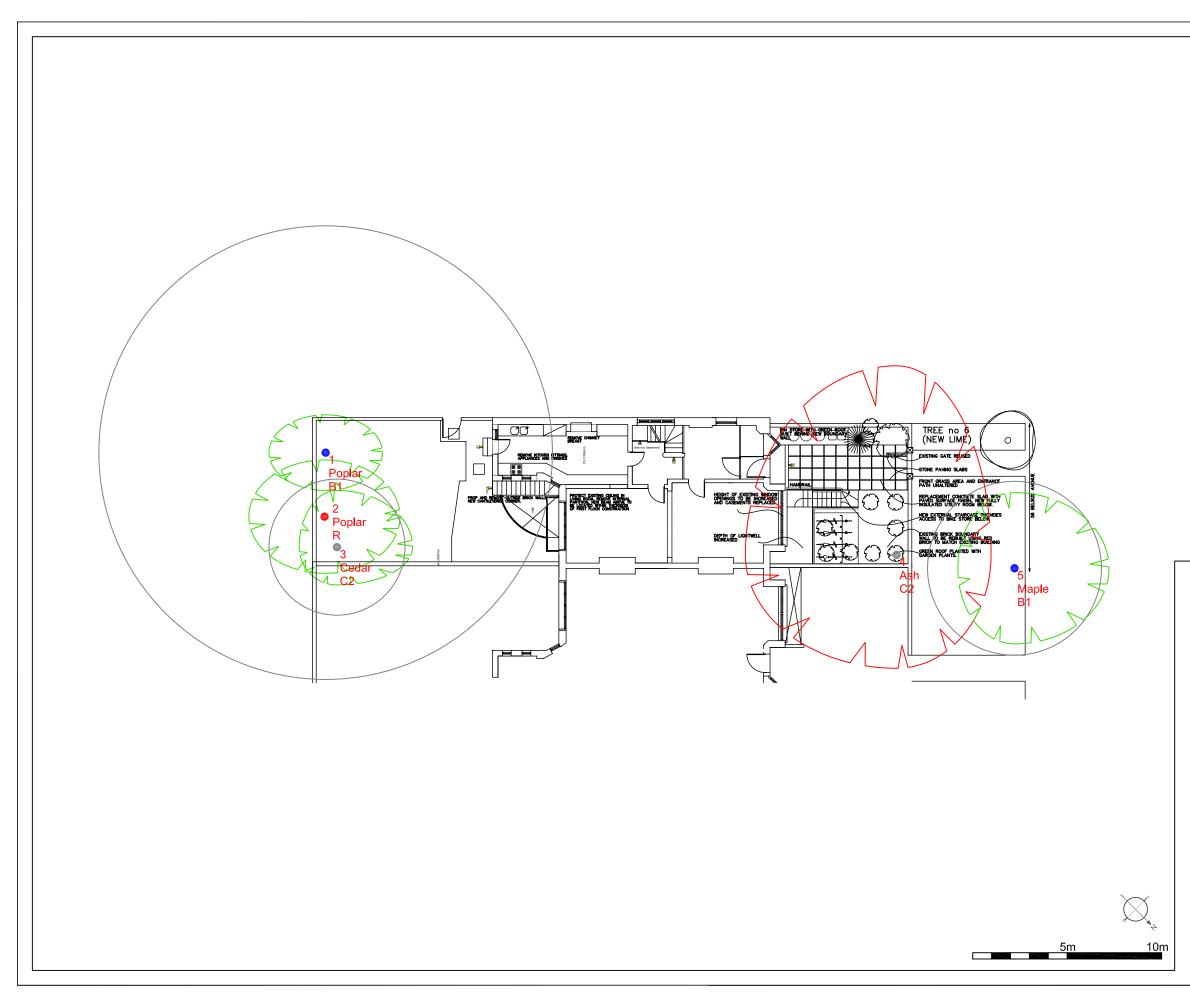
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Branch spread in metres is taken at the four cardinal points to derive an accurate representation of the crown.

Root Protection Areas (RPA) are derived from stem diameter measured at 1.5 m above adjacent ground level (taken on sloping ground on the upslope side of the tree base) or immediately above the root flare for multi-stemmed trees.

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#### ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PLAN



#### NOTE:

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Branch spread in metres is taken at the four cardinal points to derive an accurate representation of the crown.

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