



As can be seen from this diagram; there appears to be an incursion into the RPA's of T2 and T3; however there are mitigating factors which are discussed below:

The proposed building will be constructed on top of the existing level of the raised brick planter that contains the Pear T<sub>3</sub> (i.e. on a floating raft).

The proposed patio will also be constructed at the same level as the existing brick planter.

The proposed patio and building will be accessed by steps constructed from the existing ground level of the lawn up to the new level.

This is effectively a pile and beam construction and all of the required pile foundations will be hand dug to avoid root damage. To avoid further damage to the roots, the holes will also be lined with plastic sheeting before in-filling with concrete.

Please note that although Pear (T1) is a high value tree and worthy of retention; the Apple tree (T2) has a much lower amenity value, and could defensibly be removed to facilitate the proposals.

Potential size of parts of RPA's affected:

T1 - o% of RPA

 $T_2 - 8m^2 \text{ of } 62m^2 = 13\% \text{ of RPA}$ 

 $T_3 - 30m^2 \text{ of } 174m^2 = 17\% \text{ of RPA}$ 

Note: Research has shown that healthy trees of most species are able to withstand the loss of some roots, to a maximum of about 20% of the rooting area, with no long term detrimental impact (Helliwell & Fordham 1992).

## Arb Impact Assessment

## BS 5837 category key



Category B tree



Category C tree



Root Protection Area (RPA) - a layout design tool indicating where the protection of roots and soil structure is necessary



RPA Incursion 1

Scale 1:100 @ A3

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