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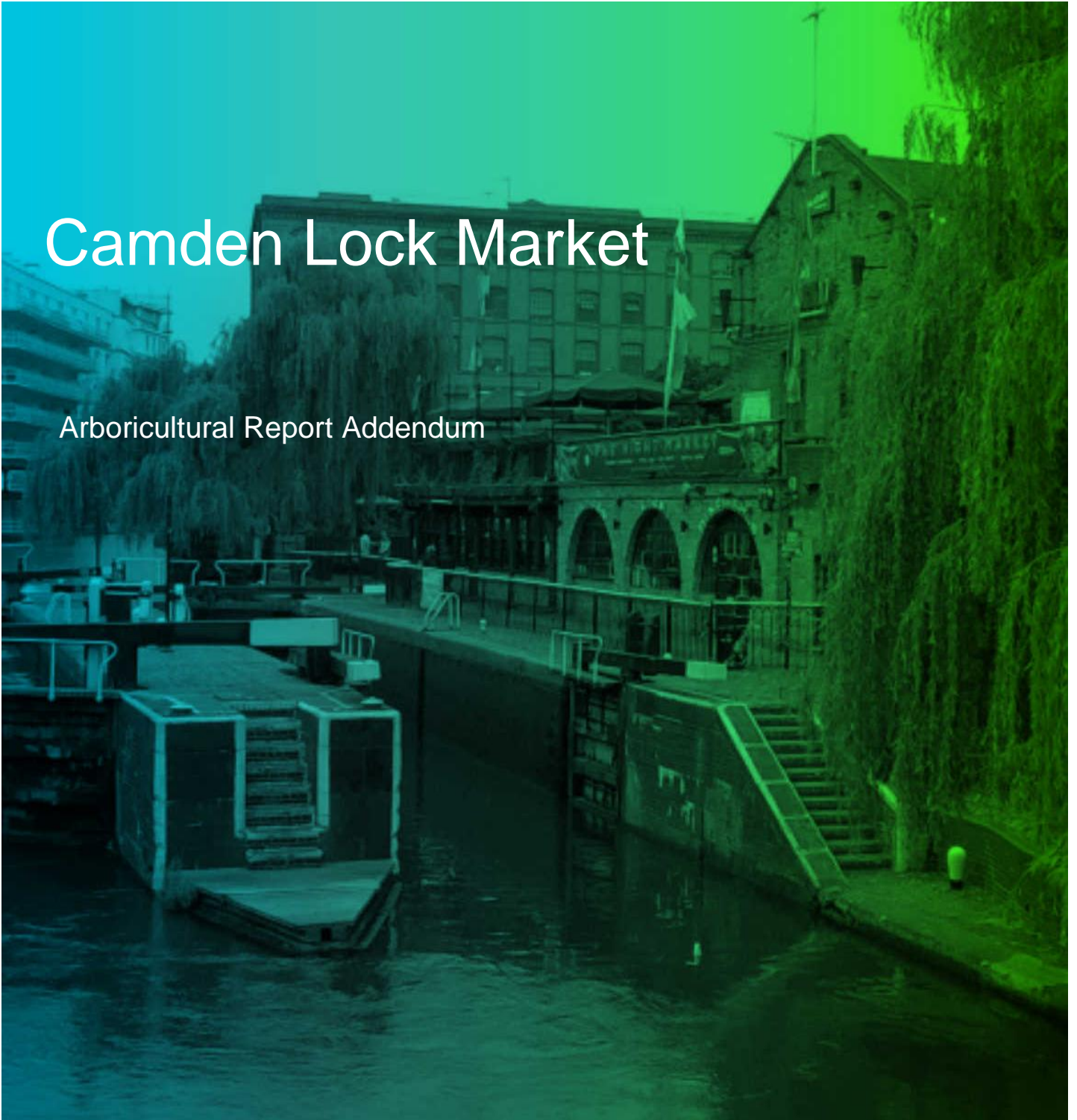
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1.1 Background

AECOM has been commissioned to produce a short addendum to reflect the results of a site meeting attended by Natalie Davies (Gerald Eve LLP), Nicola Zech-Berens (Stanley Sidings Ltd), Neil Howsham (Piercy & Co), Nick Bell (Camden Borough Council (LPA) Tree Officer) and Andy Wakefield (AECOM Arboriculturist). The purpose of the meeting was to address the LPA Tree Officers concerns in relation to the level of pruning required to install the proposed footbridge to the north of T2 (weeping willow) and to discuss the location of a new tree to be planted to mitigate the loss of T3, a Norway maple protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

This addendum must be read in conjunction with the AECOM Arboricultural Report submitted in support of the Camden Lock Market Redevelopment planning application submitted to Camden Borough Council in August 2015, and provides additional information in relation to tree pruning and new proposals for the planting of a replacement tree.

1.2 Tree pruning

The Arboricultural Report submitted in support of the planning application stated that T2 should be pruned to the following specification to facilitate the development:

- *Crown lift to north to 6m, removing crossing limbs.*
- *Crown reduce to north to provide a 1m lateral clearance of the proposed footbridge and 1.5m clearance of the proposed structure (this equates to a maximum reduction to the north and north eastern crown of 3-4m).*
- *Reduce the remaining crown by 2-3m to achieve a balanced form.*

The LPA Tree Officer was concerned that this level of pruning would be detrimental to the visual appearance of the tree and would have a significant negative impact on its amenity value.

At the site meeting the impact of achieving this level of pruning was considered and it was agreed that this would be acceptable provided the pruning was carried out with care under the supervision of the LPA Tree Officer and the Site Arboriculturist.

Due to limited free access, it was not possible to fully view or agree on precise pruning points, however the approximate level of pruning was agreed based on visible features, with the proviso that the tree works would be supervised on site and the final pruning positions could then be agreed by the Tree Officer and Arboriculturist at the time to ensure a positive outcome.

The red lines on Figure 1 below shows the approximate position of agreed pruning as viewed from the ground floor of the market area to the north of T2.

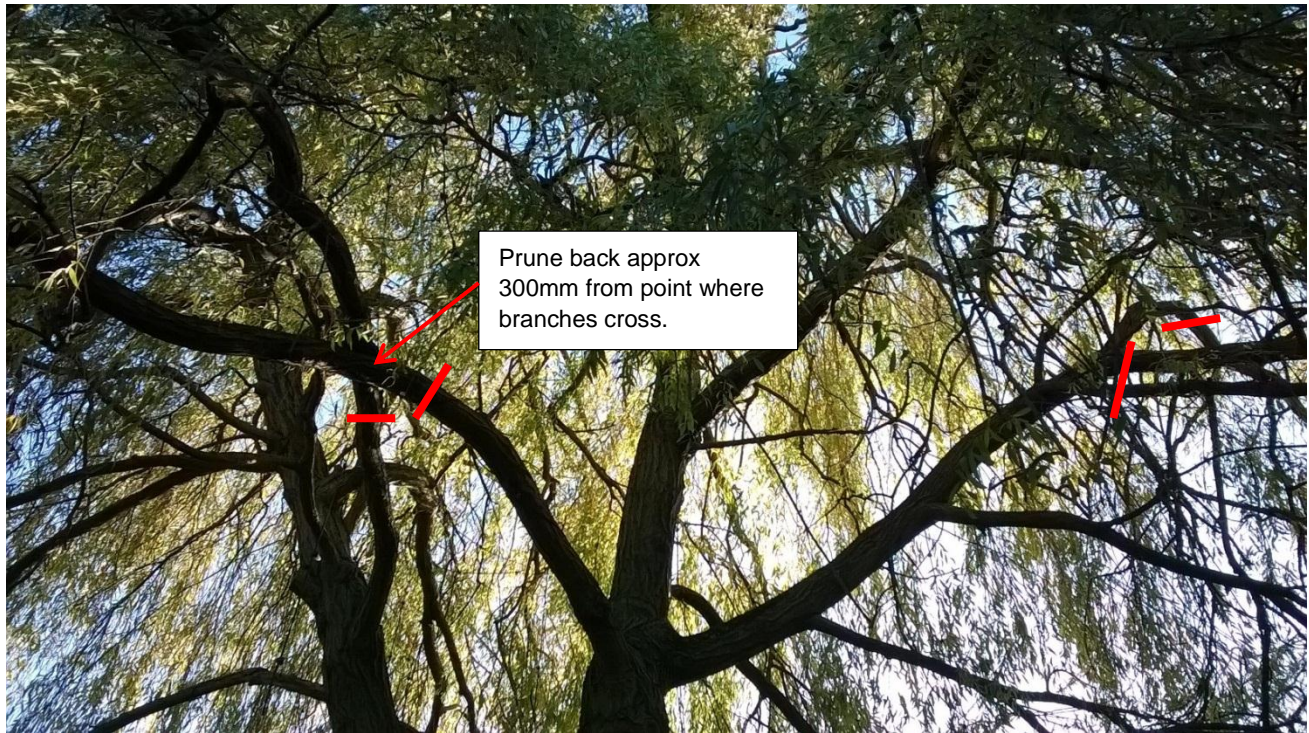


Figure 1: Indicative agreed tree pruning points

All tree works are to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and insured arboricultural contractor. A list of approved contractors is provided by the Arboricultural Association at www.trees.org.uk.

The reduction/shaping of the remaining crown will be undertaken as agreed on site during the works.

A minimum of 0.5m clearance of the proposed footbridge and 1.5m of the proposed new building will be ensured to provide working space for installation.

1.3 Replacement tree planting:

T3 (Norway maple) is to be removed to facilitate the development due to a direct conflict with the proposed footprint of the new building. This tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (Ref: C885 2009).

The recommended position for a replacement tree is in the existing raised planter to the north west of the site, situated between T4 (false acacia) and T5 (flowering cherry). This may involve the removal of 2 small Cordyline (*Cordyline australis*) which will not have a significant negative impact on the Site. A suitable species is considered to be Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) or an upright form of Norway maple or agreed equivalent. An appropriate stock size would be a standard tree of 12-14cm girth. These details were agreed in principle with the LPA Tree Officer during the site meeting.

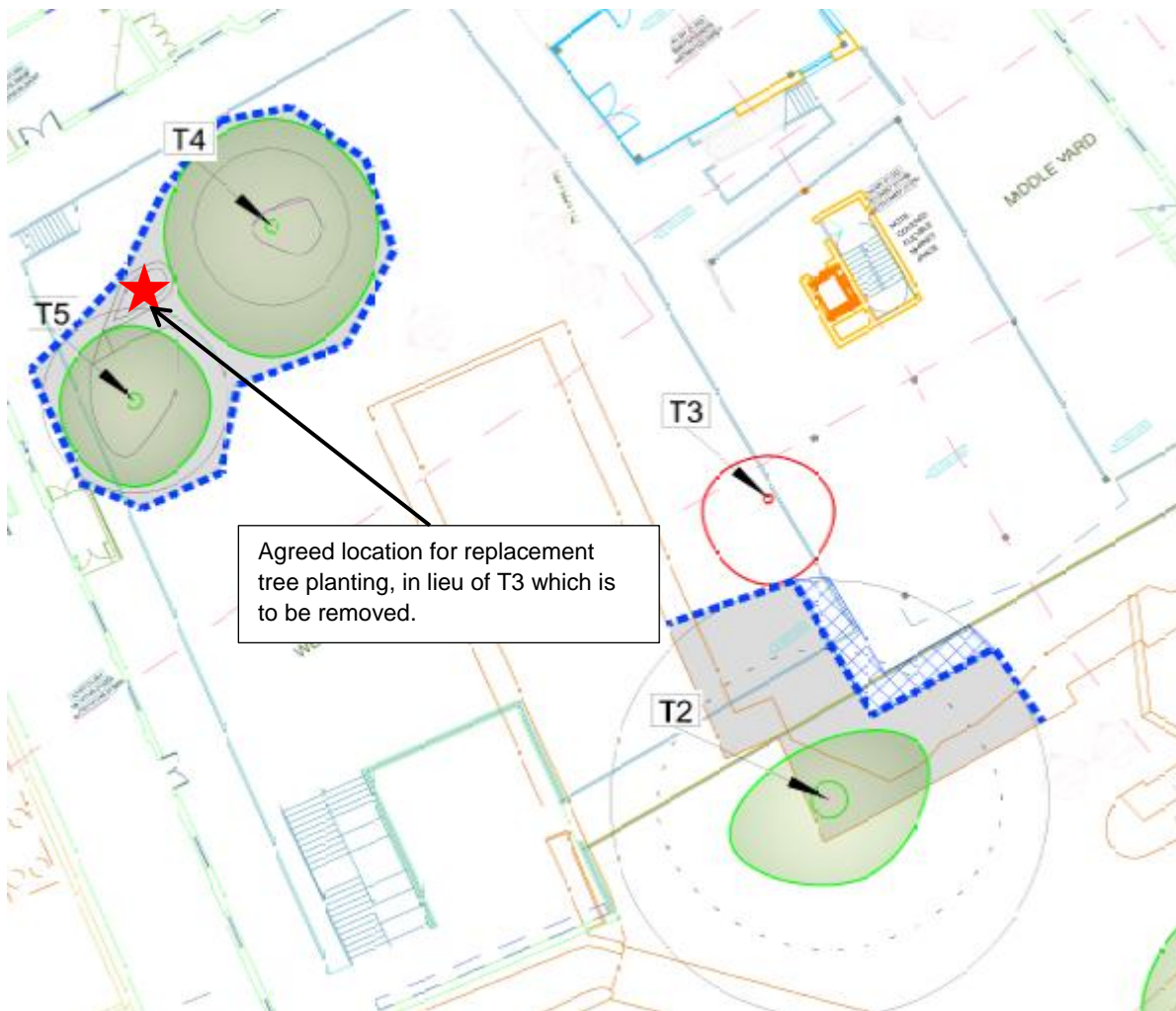


Figure 2: Indicative tree planting location

1.4 Conclusion

It was agreed that it will be acceptable to prune T2 to achieve a minimum 0.5m clearance of the footprint of the proposed bridge. Pruning is to take place under the supervision of the Tree Officer and the Site Arboriculturist.

It was agreed that a suitable new tree planting location would be in the raised planting bed between T4 and T5 and that an appropriate stock size would be a standard tree 12-14cm in girth. Suitable species would include a maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) or upright form of Norway maple.

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