

Technical Note 001
**Pruning required to allow for the construction of the
proposed replacement building**

Introduction

A planning application is before the Council to consider the application to replace the building at 150 Holborn. The building is proximate to retained trees and the Council have raised concern at the level of pruning required to the two retained plane trees.

Consideration

The tree report we prepared to accompany the application makes reference to the need to prune the trees along Grays Inn Road to provide separation from the projecting western and southern elements. The Tree Protection Plan provided details of the pruning to provide separation by 2 metres.

This level of pruning is at a scale that is generally considered appropriate to provide room for construction and to maintain a separation thereafter.

These works are relatively minor in nature for this species of tree, that can tolerate such pruning without detriment to their health, and such pruning is not abnormal in urban settings. In fact these trees are already subject to a regime of pruning to maintain separation. This new pruning just requires more branches to be cut back.

Sympathetic pruning by an experienced contractor will ensure adherence to best practice during operations.

In future years the maintenance pruning will be very similar to that undertaken now.

Pruning of trees is often necessary to ensure tree cover is retained in London and this development has sought to embrace and retain tree cover as a benefit.

Summary

The level of pruning required by this application is typical of urban situations, including the current situation where these same trees are maintained by pruning to provide clearance

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