

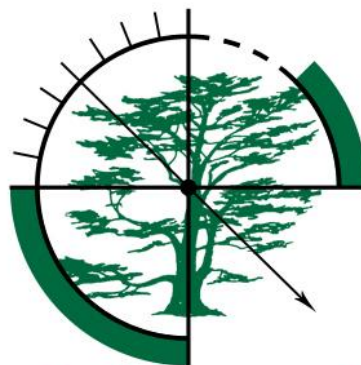


1 Honeybourne Road, London

Arboricultural Statement To Accompany Planning Application

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Brief

1. This report has been commissioned by Barry Matthews of Monument Construction. It has been requested to provide reassurance to the Local Planning Authority in connection with proposed alterations to the property.
2. **The Site** 1 Honeybourne Road is a terraced residence with accommodation across three storeys. The front garden is laid to stone paving slabs which cover the full extent of the open area. There is a low level brick wall to the front of the garden. A brick wall of more than two metres in height separates this property with the neighbouring property.
3. Within the garden area are two raised flower beds.
4. **The Proposals** A number of external changes are proposed. These are
 - (a) To erect rails above the lower wall of the front garden.
 - (b) To install an electronic sliding gate, in the style of the rails
 - (c) To replace the existing slabs with new slabs of a different appearance.
 - (d) To rebuild one of the raised flower beds as a small feature.
5. **The Trees.** There are two Sycamore trees situated in the front garden of the neighbouring property. They were assessed on 26th August 2016 to BS5837:2012. They are situated on third party land, so a detailed inspection was not possible. They are not considered to be important specimens. Regardless, the proposal is designed to ensure the trees are not affected by the works. The trees are multi-stemmed, and have trunk diameters estimated at three trunks each at 100mm and one with trunks at 150mm and 200mm. This would require a Root Protection Area of a maximum of three metres.
6. **Existing Arrangements:** There is existing infrastructure within the Root Protection Areas of the two trees. The front garden of this property has been paved, and there is the brick wall separating the two properties. It is most likely that the trees have become established within the constraints of the present situation.
7. **Impact on the Trees:** The proposals are largely cosmetic, replacing the slabs, installing rails on top of existing walls and reducing the size of a raised flower bed. There is no excavation beyond existing foundations. Whilst work will happen within what is technically the Root Protection Area, the reality is that the two trees in the neighbouring property are already constrained by the boundary wall and existing paving. I do not therefore consider they will be affected by the proposals.
8. **Tree Protection Plan:** Usually, specific arrangements need to be put in place to ensure trees being retained are adequately protected during construction works. However, the trees are on third-party land, with a two-metre high wall separating them from the development area. Specifically, this wall consists of a brick base of 600mm height with timber fence above, to a combined height of 2.2 metres. It is a permanent feature. Herras fencing, which is usually specified for such situations, is

temporary and usually at 2 metres in height. As such, I do not consider additional measures are needed.

- 9 Arboricultural Method Statement:** Usually, a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement is needed to guide how to implement Tree Protection measures. However, with this site, I believe that the work can proceed without any impact on the trees. Existing measures are permanent (the boundary wall) and all materials are to be stored away from the trees. This can be dealt with by planning conditions. I am therefore not providing an Arboricultural Method Statement.
- 10 Suggested Conditions:**
- (a) No storage of materials off-site (this will ensure that the area around the trees is protected).
 - (b) No excavation beyond existing foundations.
 - (c) The boundary fence is to be retained (this is the proposal)



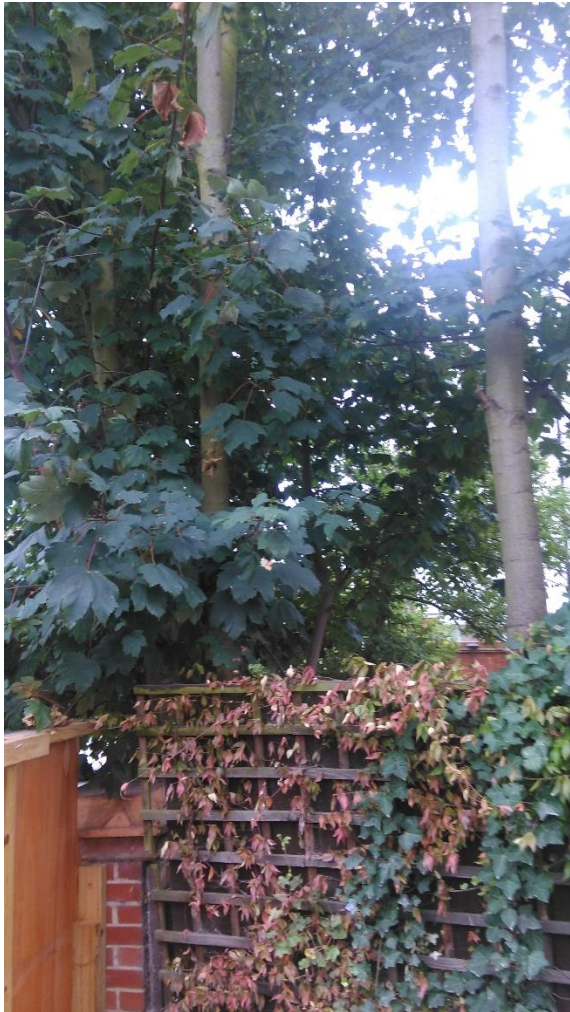
(Above) The existing surface paving and retaining wall for raised flower bed



The site viewed from the road. The blue structure is temporary screening and is where the sliding gate is to be installed.

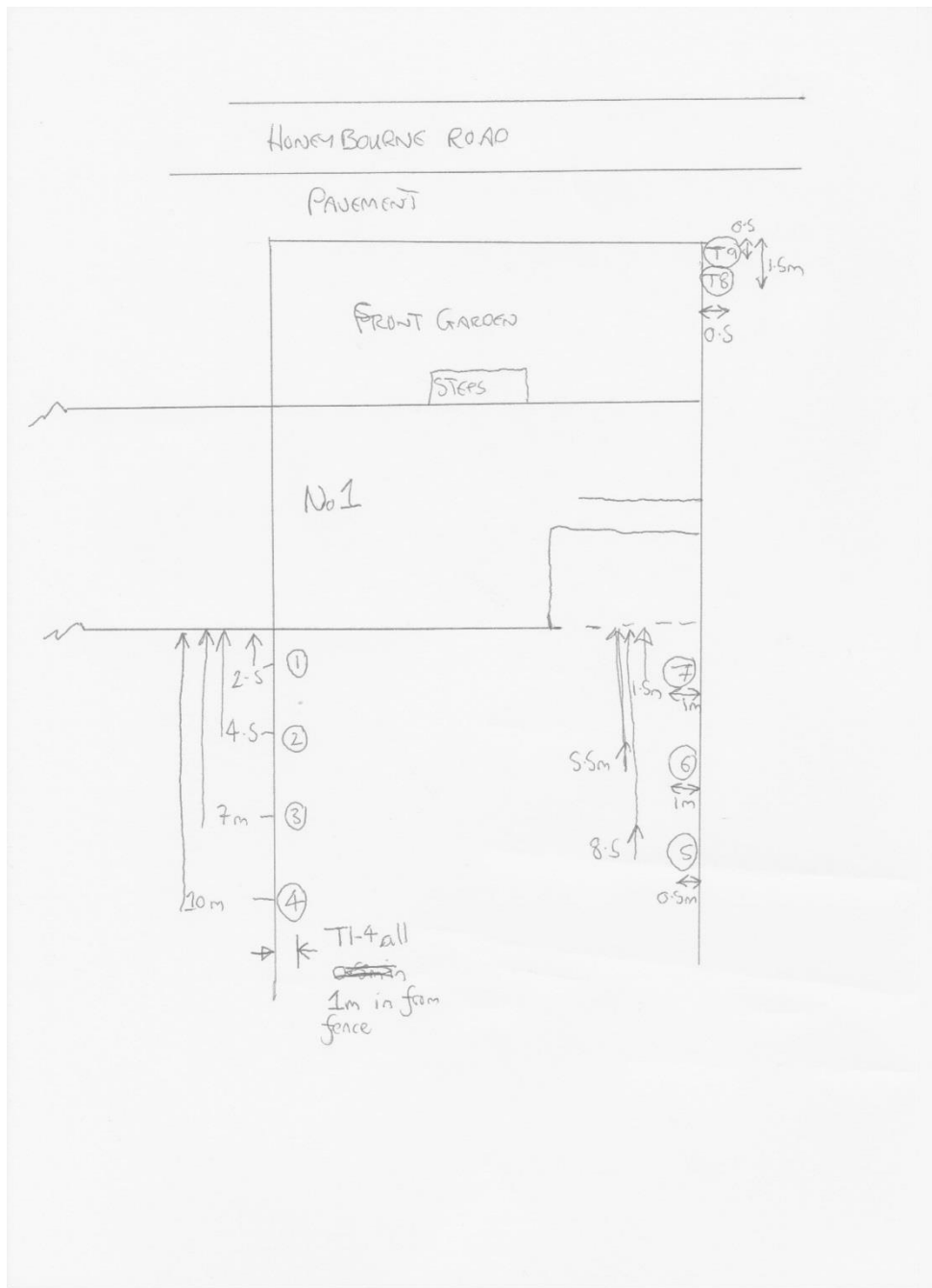


This view shows the Sycamore with two leaders and indicates the height of the retaining wall.



The view above shows the tree with three leaders. The view below shows the boundary wall.





A sketch plan of the site showing the trees at the front (T8 and T9)

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