

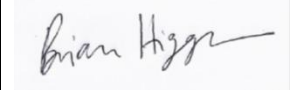
Addendum To Arboricultural Impact Assessment

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1.0 Introduction

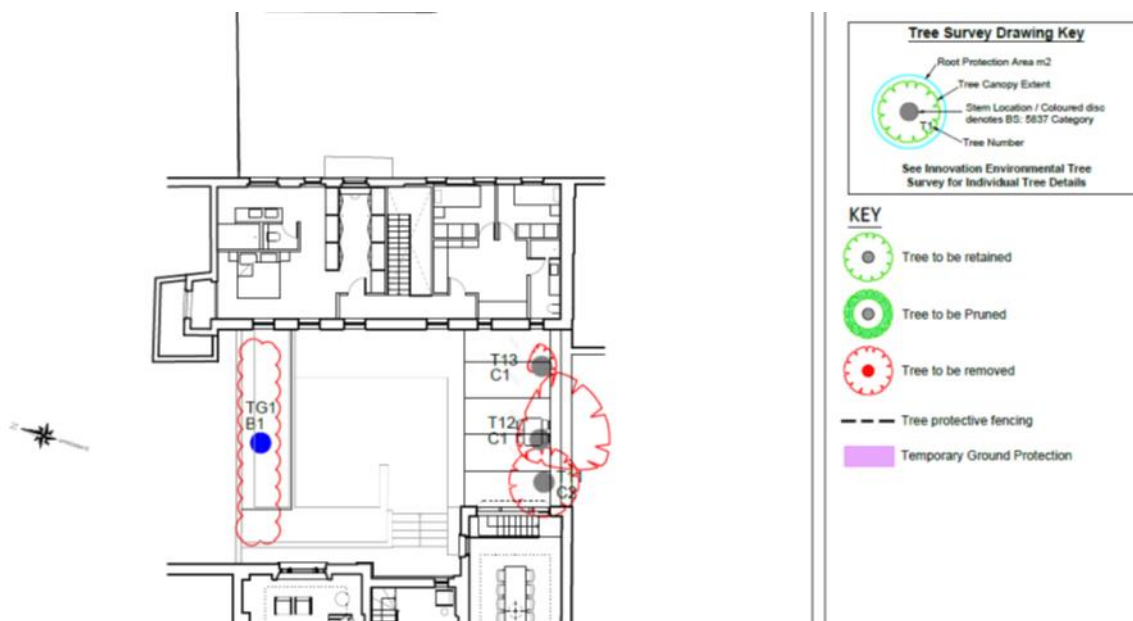
- 1.1 Environmental Services have been appointed by Iconic Properties Limited to provide advice on the arboricultural issues relating to the proposed development of the above site.
- 1.2 We undertook a Pre-Development Tree Condition Survey (see Appendix 1), on 16th June 2015. This survey assessed the condition of the tree resource, categorised the trees and provided the Root Protection Area (RPA) information according to the BS5837:2012 “Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations”. Following this survey, a detailed Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA) was developed to support the planning application.
- 1.3 This addendum has been produced to help provide detail in response to feedback from the LPA Tree Officer

2.0 Arboricultural Comments

- 2.1 Following correspondence between the client and the LPA, a comment has been received about the impact of the rear basement and the removal of the pleached Hornbeam hedge (see below)



- 2.2 The removal of this hedge is shown on the extract below from the Tree Protection Plan as TG1 (shown in red for removal)



- 2.3 The use of pleached Hornbeam as a means of providing screening between properties has been popular for a number of years. In effect, the pleached trees provide a narrow hedge, but elevated off the ground by the trunks of the more widely spaced trees.
- 2.4 TG1 is a recently planted feature, with little visual amenity (as it can only be viewed from the rear of a small number of properties). Its removal would have no impact upon the streetscene, and would be unnoticed by the majority of people.
- 2.5 The rear basement does provide for boundary landscape treatments, and it would be very easy to replace the pleached trees once the basement was completed. These are commonly available as 'extra heavy' standards or even semi-mature trees, and once planted would immediately replace the screen.
- 2.6 The soil depth of up to 1.0m would be sufficient to allow any replacement trees into a mature specimen, resulting in no loss of bio-diversity. The image below provides an extract from the landscape proposal for the rear basement.



Sketch: Planted trellis
A new boundary wall is built against the existing garden wall. A trellis allows planting to grow up and over to provide a similar level of privacy as currently enjoyed. Suitable planting will encourage biodiversity to the site.

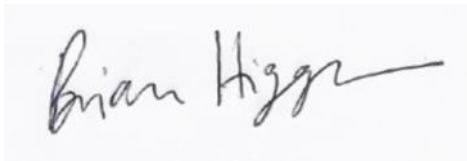
- 2.7 The proposed development provides an opportunity to replace the Weeping Ash located in the front garden (see image below)



This tree is a 'U' category tree and should be removed regardless of any development. The development provides an opportunity to replace this tree with a semi-mature, suitable specimen (exact species (to be agreed in advance with the LPA).

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The removal and direct replacement of the pleached Hornbeam hedge is achievable and sensible, considering the proposed development.
- 3.2 The Weeping Ash should be replaced with a suitable specimen
- 3.3 The Local Planning Authority is invited to secure the replacement of both the Hornbeam hedge and the Weeping Ash by way of a Condition of Planning.



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