Flat 4, 46 Parkhill Road, London, NW3 2YP

Installation of a small sectional timber garden room.

Statement

This statement has been compiled to ensure the safe and healthy retention of all trees adjacent to the site of the proposed garden room.

This method statement will be made available to all site workers and contractors during the construction process to ensure that they fully understand the importance of the measures set out for tree root protection.

There is, adjacent to the proposed site for the garden room, a large established tree which is highlighted on the block and location plans supplied with the planning application.

Given the proximity to this mature tree the foundation to the building will pay special attention to ensure that the significant root structure is undamaged. A **hand dug** footing of 150mm depth and 300mm width will be positioned around the periphery of the proposed building – which will act as a supporting ring beam for the building. The shallow and low-impact footing will sit around the root network to avoid any cutting or damage to significant roots – any smaller roots will be severed with a hand tool. **If significant roots are encountered (over 25mm) the beam will be broken and the root network will be effectively bridged so there will be no impact to the root structure.**

No tree works to the trees or bushes is required to make way for the proposed garden room.

There will be no further groundworks beyond the installation of the ring beam.

All materials will be hand carried to site and accessed on foot causing minimal impact to the location for the proposed timber garden room. No mechanical machinery will be used during the groundworks or installation process again to ensure minimal impact on the area and surrounding garden.

As with the intended groundworks which will be carried out over 1 day, the installation work will take no more than 2 days to complete due to the small lightweight building which is constructed panel by panel and means that there will be no continued impact to the groundwork, root structure and surrounding area.