

Response to comments from the Local Authority.

The following notes address the comments made by the Local Planning Authority Tree Officer relating to my updated report for number 62 Avenue Road, London.

- Item 4.4.2.2 does not specifically state that the trees should be identified by colours on the plan. It actually states: The categories should be differentiated on the tree survey plan by colours (see 4.5 and Table 1 and), **and/or by suffixing the category adjacent to the tree identification number on the tree survey plan.** There is no specific requirement to use colours. I have added the category ratings to the plan on page 10 of my report, and the category ratings will be added to the plans. There is no ambiguity about the category ratings of the trees as they have been identified throughout the report.
- The comment relating to the cardinal points of the canopy crown spreads is covered within my tree schedule on page 18 of my report. When trees are located within a property it is normal practice to show any significant differences in canopy spreads. However, in this instance the trees have all been severely crown reduced and their canopies at the compass points are effectively the same. It is also critical to note that some of the trees are not within the curtilage of the property, which means that it is not possible for me to go around the trees to obtain detailed measurements. The canopy spreads in this instance are academic as the proposal is almost all subterranean.
- The updated constraints plan will show the Root Protection Areas as circles. They will actually show the basic British Standard 5837 RPAs, but it is critical to note that in this instance the RPAs are academic because of the boundary walls.
- There is no intention to remove any of the trees. I have marked up, and identified, that the Whitebeam (T1) has been removed, and that the shrub has effectively been killed. All the other trees are being retained.

I find it difficult to appreciate why the tree officer has made these comments, as they are covered within my report, and do not identify any problems with the proposed development. The tree officer has not questioned the validity of any of my assessment in relation to the juxtaposition of the trees and the building.

Regards,

Dr Frank Hope