

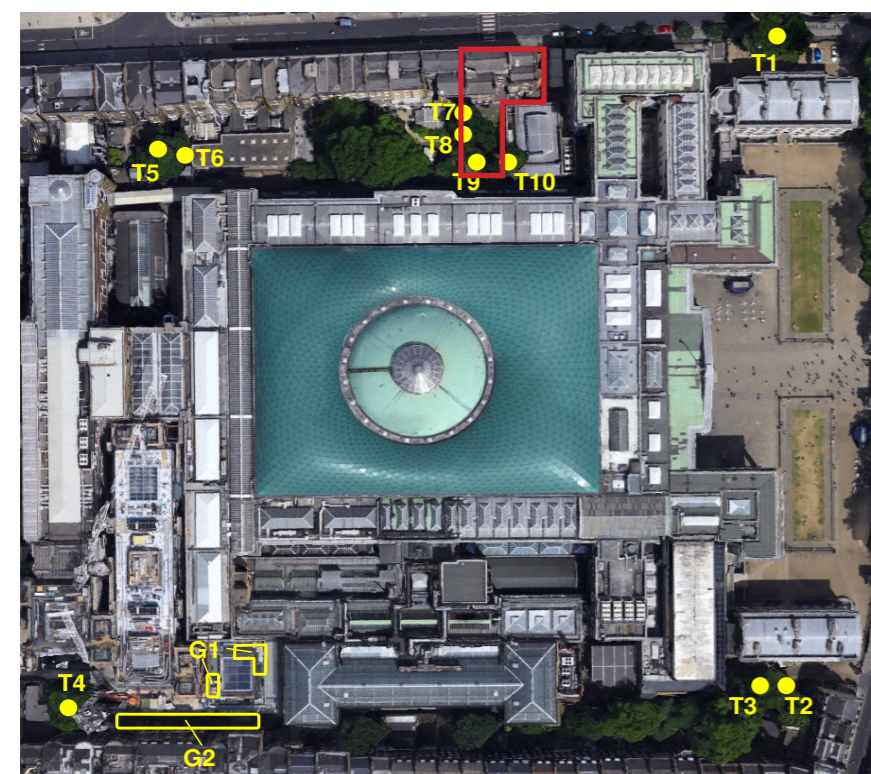
### Arboricultural report

A noninvasive, ground level Tree Condition Survey has been carried out by Salcey Group of all trees within the site boundary of The British Museum, 43 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG. The objectives of the report are to assess the health and condition of these trees, identify and prioritise any maintenance works which might be necessary to remove risk to public safety and property and identify works necessary to promote the longevity of the trees on site.

Three trees have been identified within the site boundary of 1 and 1A MS. It has not been confirmed if the trees are subject to Tree Preservation Orders, however the properties are located in a conservation area so that these trees should be retained. It is confirmed in the report that no works to the trees are required at the present as the trees are generally in good to fair structural condition.

The complete Arboricultural report has been appended at the end of this report for your information.

The retention of these existing trees has been a key driver in the development of the garden treatment proposals.



### Proposed Rear Garden Plan

Improvements to the rear garden are proposed in order to enhance its quality and provide a major enjoyment and use of the garden. The design proposal introduces a garden landscape treatment based on new defined areas that can be used in different ways during the year by staff working in the offices and also provides attractive views from the properties.

At the eastern side of the garden, the existing flagstone paving is to be repaired and cleaned and new external garden furniture is to be provided. Existing iron railings are to be redecorated and new section of railing is to be added to provide full protection.

New soft planting and stone mulching is proposed in the existing borders. These areas are located at the northern side, where two existing trees are to be retained, and in the southern side, where the new plant area is proposed.

In the central space of the garden existing plants and shrubbery are to be removed in order to create a generous lawn area. Existing paving slabs crossing the garden diagonally are to be removed and new paving slabs in Yorkshire stone to match existing are to be located adjacent to the new area with soft planting at the southern side. Timber edge restraints are used to demarcate paving slabs from grass and pebbled mulch.

New hard landscaped area to the rear of the garden is proposed with external garden furniture. The existing garden is to be raised to provide a flat surface. Stone paving with grass squares in between is proposed in order to create a softer image and also to allow the retention of an existing tree. Three new steps clad with Yorkshire stone connect the raised retreat garden with the paving slabs.

A new timber screen is proposed to conceal condenser units and the existing access ladder to roof plant area of Hiriyama conservation studio. A limited area of existing flagstones next to 1MS are proposed to be removed and new pebbled mulch with soft planting is to be laid around the timber screen to conceal it. Removed flagstones are to be relocated within the screened plant area to provide a flat surface for the condensing units.

Existing perimeter garden rails are to be redecorated and the existing rear door that connects the British Museum with 1 MS is to be locked shut. Cracked or missing bricks along the base of the railings, are to be repaired or replaced if necessary.

Tree Data Table – Tree Condition Survey				Site: The British Museum, 43 Great Russell Street, London						
Tree/group No. (Tag no.)	Species (Common name)	Height (m)	DBH (mm)	Age Class	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Observations	Recommendations	Re-inspect	Works Priority
T7	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (False Acacia)	15	470	Mature	Low – Normal	Fair -Good	Stem lean to east, sparse upper crown, minor epicormic shoots on stem, previously reduced	No works required at present	3 years	N/A
T8	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (False Acacia)	14	530	Mature	Low – Normal	Fair – Good	Stem lean to south-west, sparse upper crown, minor deadwood present in upper crown – no target	No works required at present	3 years	N/A
T9	<i>Tilia x europaea</i> (Common Lime)	15	420	Early-mature	Normal	Good	Basal and stem epicormic shoots, previously reduced, congested crown	No works required at present	3 years	N/A

STRIP OUT PLAN GARDEN AREA

EXISTING PLANT/SHRUBBERY, FLAGSTONES, PAVING TO BE REMOVED

