

3.7 Existing Trees

Tavistock Square is home to several trees, primarily mature London Plane trees. The proposed memorial is located in the north-west corner of the square in-between two London plane trees (T1 & 2).

The proposed memorial has been designed in consultation with Camden's Aboricultural Officer and the design team's Strucutral Engineer to mitigate any negative impact on the neighbouring trees.

A trial pit investigation was carried out by Camden's framework contractors on the site on the 27th April 2017 to investigate the tree root layout and ground conditions in the proposed memorial location.

Camden's Aboricultural Officer, Colleen O'Sullivan, was present alongside the design team's Structural Engineer and Architect to agree on the most appropriate foundation design in the memorial's proposed location. Camden's Aboricultural Officer supported the agreed foundation strategy that would mitigate any negative impact on the neighbouring tree.

Please refer to 4.8 Foundation for more information on the agreed foundation strategy.

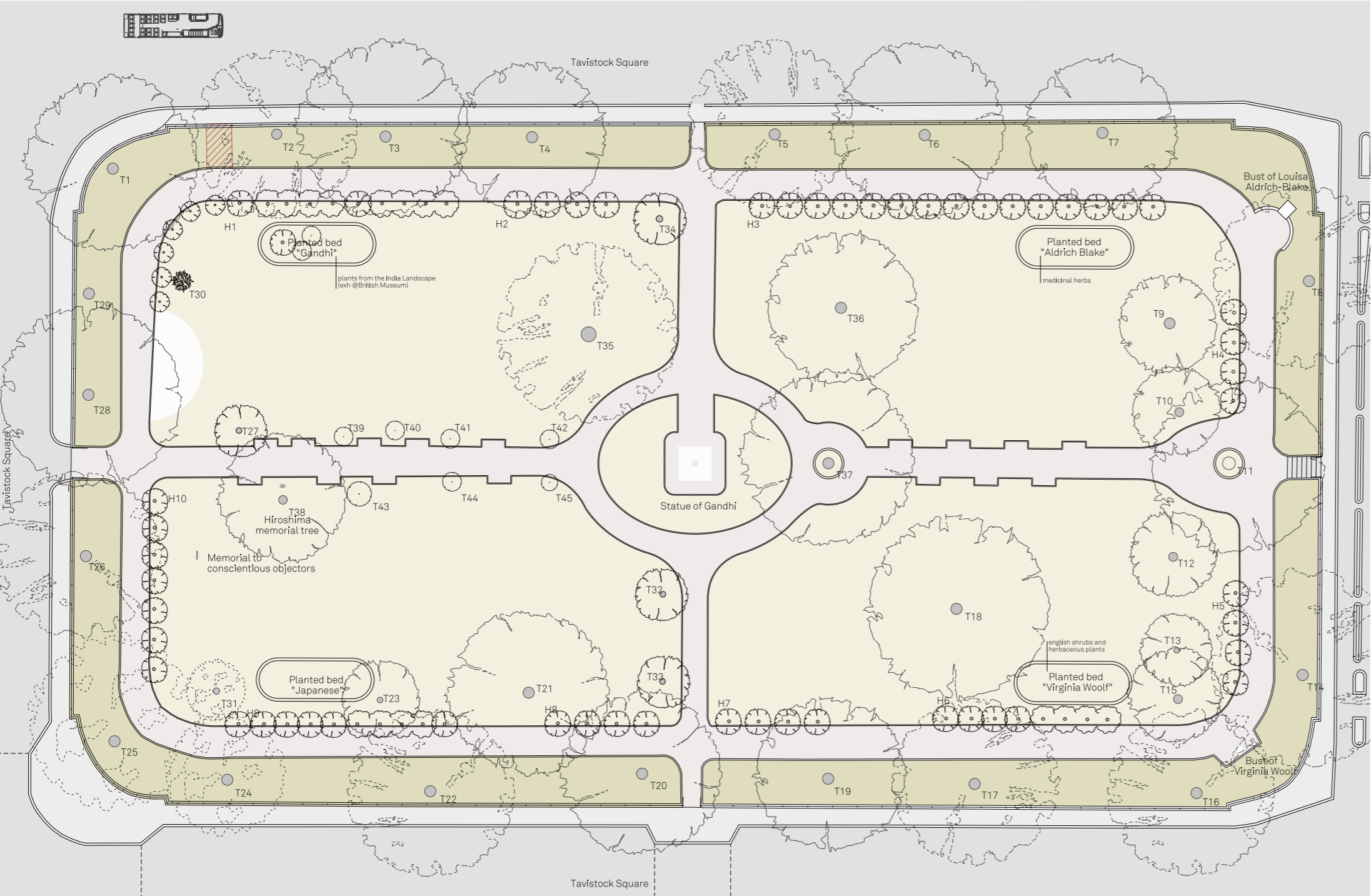


Figure 3.7a Existing Horticultural site plan

Tree	Tree number
London Plane	1-9, 11, 13-29, 31, 35-37, 39-48
Hornbeam hedge	H1-H10
Plum	32, 33
Cherry	38
Hawtorn	34
Field Maple	12
Copper beech	10
Shrub	30

4.1 Recording an Event

The proposed memorial for the Tavistock Square bombings differs from the National Memorial because it is site specific. The proposed memorial seeks to record one of the most important events in the square's history into the square's urban fabric.

Rather than taking the form of a figuarative object like the other memorials within the gardens, the proposal will locate this historic moment in it's position on Tavistock Square and commemorate the lives lost.

Examples of other site-specific memorials shown here include the Marchioness plaque on the Southbank, London. This plaque is fixed to a wooden lifebelt holder at the base of one of the ornamental lampposts fronting the river Thames. The plaque comemrates the 51 lives that were lost when the pleasure boat Marchioness collided with another vessel and sank.

A round stone set in to the road surface at the City Yeomanry and Signals barracks at Lincoln's Inn, London, marks the point at which a WWI bomb struck the ground and exploded causing material damage. The shrapnel marks of which can still be seen in the stone facade.

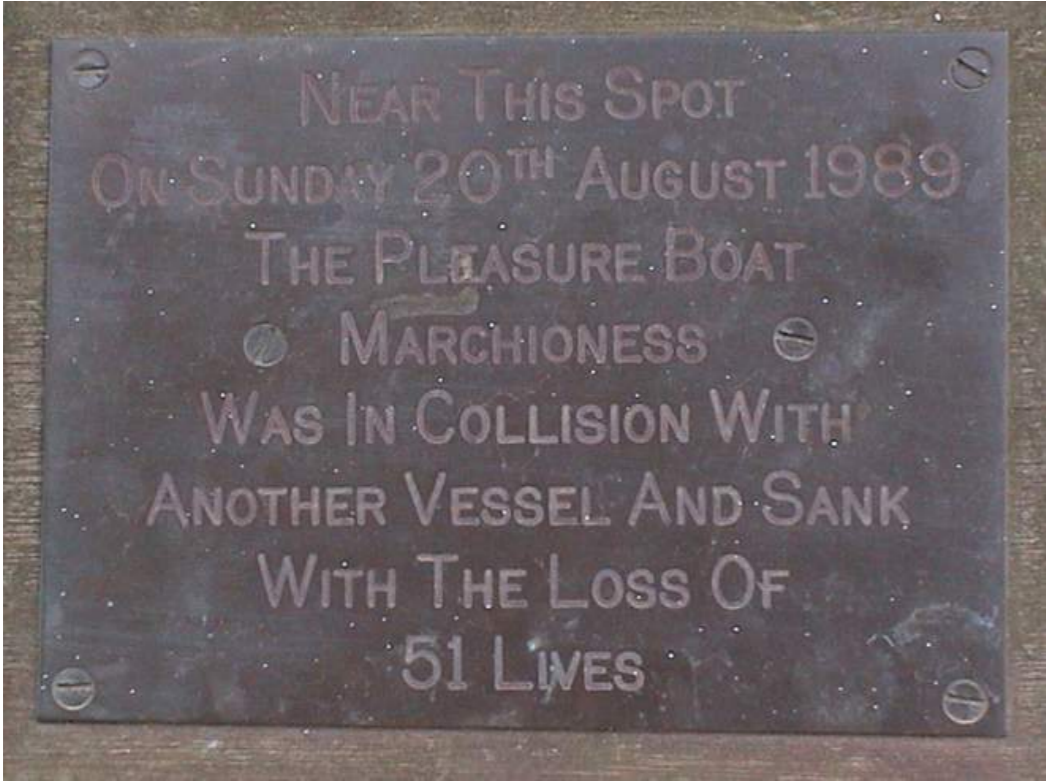


Figure 4.1a Marchioness plaque, Southbank



Figure 4.1b Marchioness plaque, Southbank



Figure 4.1c City Yeomanry and Signals barracks at Lincoln's Inn



Figure 4.1d Plaque and round stone



Figure 4.1e Round stone marking the spot of impact

4.2 Proposed Location

The following options assess the proposed location of the memorial (including the existing TfL plaque location) to provide the nearest possible point of quiet contemplation that overlooks the location of the incident in the roadway.

1. Existing TfL plaque Location

The existing TfL plaque is fitted to the railings outside the BMA opposite the location of the incident in the roadway. The pavements either side of the roadway are both narrow, so that a plaque located on either railing contributes to pedestrian congestion. Moreover, in this position, the memorial does not provide aspect to the incident in the roadway.

2. Marker in road with Pplaque located either side

Similar to memorial at Lincoln’s Inn, a marker could be placed in the roadway to mark the location of the incident. This marker would need to be accompanied by a plaque at either side of the roadway where the pavements are narrow and no aspect is provided to the marker. Furthermore, Tavistock Square is a far busier roadway than Lincoln’s Inn Fields, so that a marker that may encourage the public into the roadway is not appropriate.

3. Object within Tavistock Square gardens

While Tavistock Square gardens provides a quiet point of contemplation, there are already several existing memorials within the garden. Moreover from within the square the visitor does not have aspect of the location of the incident in the roadway.

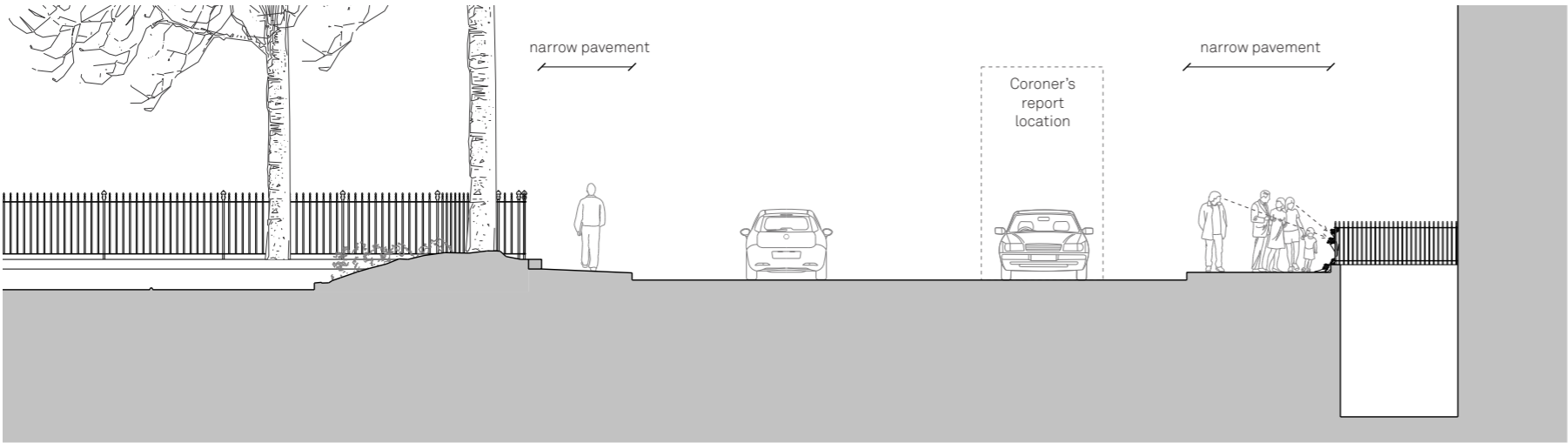


Figure 4.2a Option 1: Existing TfL plaque location

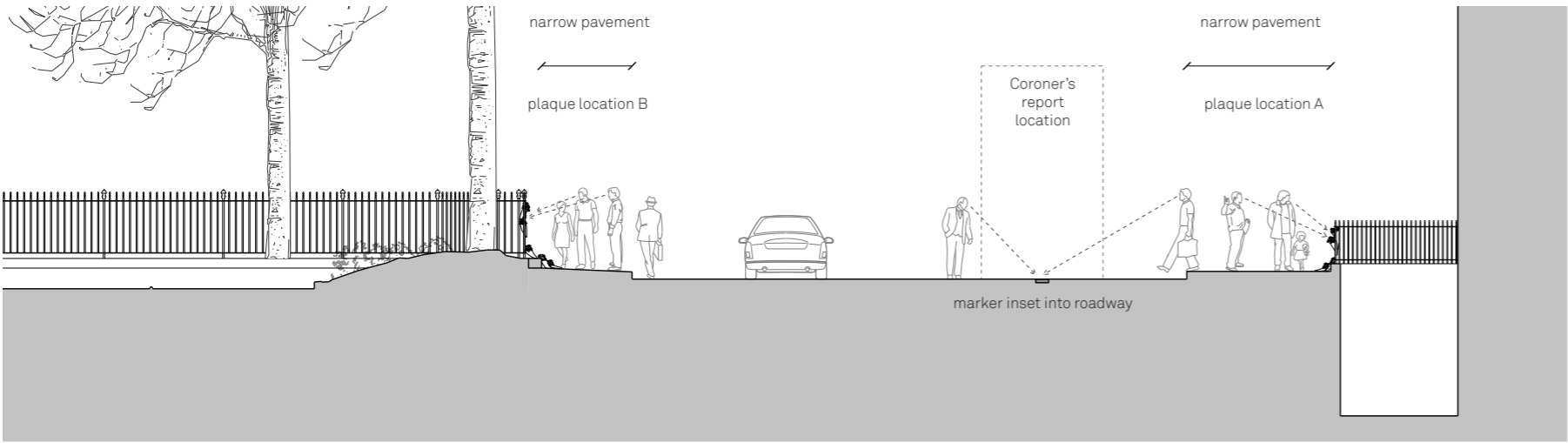


Figure 4.2b Option 2: Marker in road with plaque located either side

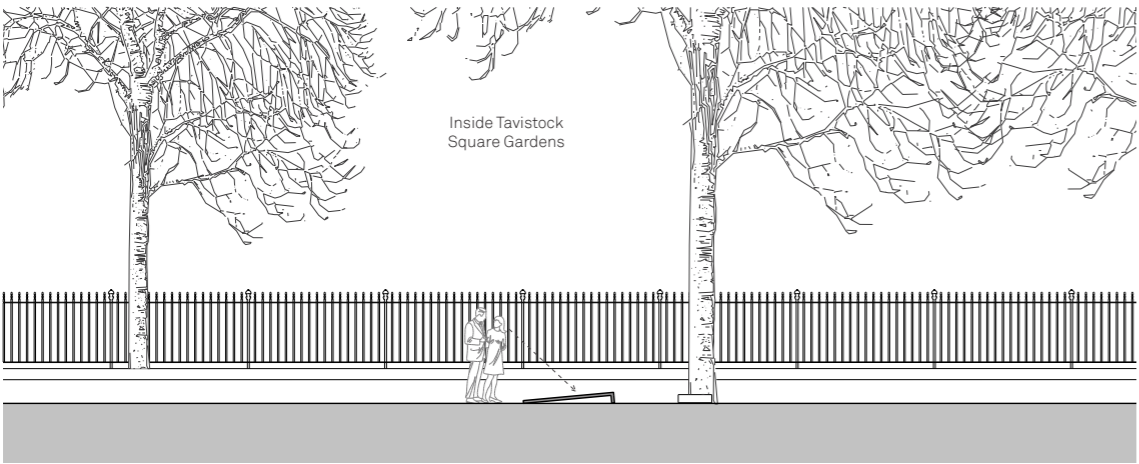


Figure 4.2b Option 3: Object within Tavistock Square gardens

