

Appendix F: Tree Root Trial Trench Method Statement

1. Scope of works:

1.1 A trench of the following dimensions is to be dug in the location as shown in the site plan overleaf:

1000mm depth x 500mm width

1.2 This is required to be hand dug using hand tools only where possible to determine the root morphology and root presence of the adjacent Horse Chestnut tree where proposed development works have the potential to cause damage

2. Reasons for works

2.1 The works are being carried out to determine the extent of larger tree roots which exist in this area growing from the tree in a southerly direction towards the building as exists. These hand dug excavations will enable the Local Authority and consulting arboriculturist to determine whether severance of tree roots would both:

- a) be required in this area
- b) be possible in order to facilitate implementation of a proposed plant room

3. Working Method:

3.1 The working method should be carried out as follows:

- a) The 'breaking up' of any surface may be carried out by low impact pneumatic tools only or by hand where possible
- b) Hand digging to be carried out WITHOUT severance of larger tree roots: the severance of any tree roots encountered larger than 2.5 cm in diameter MUST NOT occur without prior consultation with the Local Authority Tree Officer or appointed Arboricultural Consultant.
- c) If at any point it is deemed not possible to continue with excavations without having to damage very significant tree roots, the Local Authority Tree Officer and / or the appointed Arboricultural Consultant must be contacted.
- d) The hand dug trench should aim to expose any larger tree roots exposed. The trench should not be infilled until both the Local Authority Tree Officer and Consulting Arboriculturist have been contacted and have visited to inspect / document:

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