

SITE MONITORING REPORT

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1. I attended site on the 1st of March 2017. The purpose of the visit was to carry out a routine inspection of the tree protection measures around the site and to get an understanding of how the operations are progressing.
2. The tree protection measures comprising barriers and ground protection remain in place and undisturbed. The only changes since my last visit are per items 3 and 4 below.
3. The tarmac over the RPA of 3015 and in the area of the north-east garden area has been removed and additional barriers placed to protect a portion of the RPA. The difficulty here is that there is a requirement of Knowles to maintain an access for residents around the rear boundaries of their gardens and this is currently exacerbated by a builder working at the end property. Nonetheless Carl is going to arrange to extend the barriers as much as is practicable to close the area of tarmac removal over the RPA of 3051. Currently there remains the consolidated sub-base but my advice is to extend the barriers as much as possible to prevent movements over the area of removed tarmac.

4. The small toilet facility has been located per the latest TPP in the car parking bays in proximity to 3067
5. The site is clear and currently foundations are being excavated. These are all beyond the root protection areas of retained trees.
6. I discussed the practicalities of getting service and drainage runs into the site along the driveway at the north-east of the site that links with Upper Redlands Road. There is a narrow aperture through which a trench may be excavated but it is likely that this will not be wide enough to accommodate all that is necessary.
7. With the above I mind we talked in general terms about options to route services through the RPA of 3051; thrust boring /moling or trial excavations using high-pressure air lance to establish if roots are present, this latter is problematic because of the certain presence of roots from the tree recently removed in the adjacent garden and the difficulty in determining from which trees the roots have grown. We will look at this in greater detail shortly when more information is available but moling or boring below the principal root horizon is likely to be the most practicable and given the space for pits to either side of the RPA the most straightforward.
8. The recent submission of condition discharge information is still with the local authority so we have no new information on the proposals to remove 3014 or install a second crane access

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