

SITE MONITORING REPORT

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1. I attended site on the 12th of May 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. My advice in respect of ongoing tree protection follows:
2. The second crane mat (i.e. easternmost) has been constructed. This comprises a load-bearing, no-dig cellular confinement system sub base charged with aggregate. The tree protection fencing, as adjusted to either side of the temporary ground protection (TGP), was being upgraded during my visit to the standardized braced scaffold framework. This should be aligned as tight to the profile of the TGP as possible.
3. The space in proximity to the units is tight but all and any storage of materials must be kept either beyond the construction exclusion zone protected by barriers or upon the temporary ground protection

4. The pre-existing chain link fence separating the site from the treed area to the east of the site has been removed to enable the scaffolding outriggers to be set as supports. There is no need for construction access that poses a risk to these trees, nonetheless, absent a barrier a risk is present. It is the case that it would be difficult to erect even simple Herras panels on boots alone without necessitating some degree of vegetation clearance so my advice is that the construction area should be defined by orange mesh fence on lamp irons. I am told the scaffolding will be removed in a few weeks and then either a temporary fence, or possibly the final fence will be erected to close this area
5. Hornbeam 3014 has been removed and I understand a replacement is sought by the authority. FLAC will be happy to assist specifying and sourcing a replacement if this is considered helpful
6. The sycamore close to the south elevation of the 2nd unit from east is still present. This has been shown for removal on documentation before the authority for quite a while now so I would advise that it is removed at the earliest convenience, if nothing else it will provide more space
7. I understand that the provision of services at the north-east corner is being achieved by routing them through a narrow aperture just outside the edge of the root protection area of proximal trees
8. I understand that the recent submission of condition discharge to the authority has not prompted any questions, the only response appears to be the provision of a replacement tree for hornbeam 3014.

This concludes my site visit note. Please do get in touch with any questions or when further activity relevant to tree protection is due to be undertaken.

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