

Record of Site Inspection

Island Road, Reading



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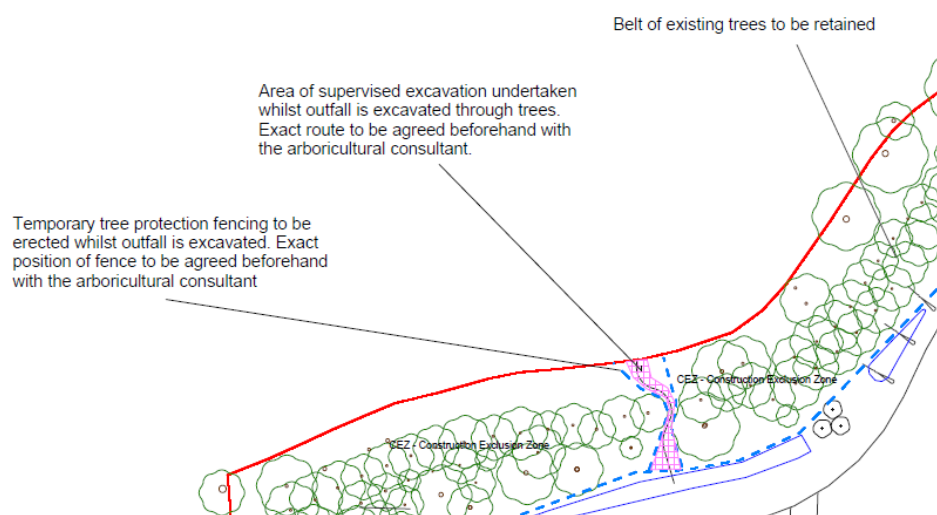
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1.0 Contact

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2.0 Client Brief & Site Details

2.1 **CLIENT BRIEF** : To undertake an arboricultural inspection of the route excavated between existing retained trees, as indicated below (hatched pink);



2.2 The site was inspected on 22nd July 2017 by Brian Higginson Dip.Arb(RFS) M.Arbor.A, at the request of Mr Jon Barker, Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd.

2.3 The site inspected is located on the northern boundary of the Island Road development, Reading.

2.4 The methodology for the protection of trees on the site was included with the Site Specific (Arboricultural) Method Statement, dated November 2015. This set out how trees should be protected during the development process, and a reporting framework/methodology.

3.0 Observations / Findings

3.1 The trees within the group on the northern boundary are predominantly Poplar and Willow. The outfall route was located, and trees within its vicinity assessed.

- 3.2 At the time of the inspection, no retained trees demonstrated obvious canopy die-back or signs of stress/strain, that could be linked to root damage.
- 3.3 It is not possible to comment upon the impact of any root severance on the stability of retained trees, as this was not observed. However, it can be commented that the outfall route generally seemed to have followed a logical path, between existing trees, and minimizing any root severance/damage where possible.
- 3.4 No significant canopy damage was observed at the time of the inspection.
- 3.5 The impact of the excavation for the outfall trench appears to have caused minimal damage, with no obvious, visual impacts upon the retained trees.

4.0 Photographs

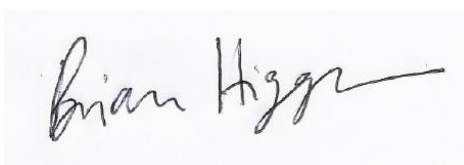
- 4.1 No photographs were taken at the time of inspection

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the site is re-inspected in approximately 12 months, to assess if any long-term evidence of canopy retrenchment or tree related issues linked to the outfall trench can be observed.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 It is clear that the retained trees on the site have been well protected during the development process.
- 6.2 No visual evidence was observed at the time of inspection to indicate any obvious tree related issues linked to the outfall excavation.



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