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ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

For

5A Stoneham Close, Reading, RG30 4HB

A tree report for planning purposes for :

Build a single dwelling

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1. Introduction

1.1 Bucks Plant Care Ltd was instructed by Salman Ali to survey all trees on and bounding the site at **5A Stoneham Close, Reading, RG30 4HB** in line with **BS5837- 2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations-** in relation to the proposal.

1.2 It is proposed to build a single dwelling.

1.3 The work included the :

- survey from ground level, individually, or in groups, all on-site trees, identifying species, physiological condition and structural morphology, tree dimensions, preliminary management recommendations and BS: 5837 (2012) 'Retention Categories'. Estimate as far as possible off-site trees.
- Number all trees, either individually or in groups and prepare a Tree Schedule.
- Work up an arboricultural impact assessment that will incorporate Root Protection Areas (RPA), Tree Protection Plan and method statement for those trees worthy of retention.

1.4 Wildlife legislation

The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) Chapter 69 forms the basis for the legal wildlife protection in Great Britain. Amongst other protected flora and fauna, nesting birds and all species of bat are afforded statutory protection.

In brief, it is an offence to:

- Intentionally kill, injure or take a bat.
- Sell, hire, barter or exchange a bat, dead or alive.
- Be in possession or control of a bat or anything derived from them.
- Disturb a nesting bird.

It is recommended that the client and/or their agent review the Act - <http://www.jncc.gov.uk/page-3614> - for further information and guidance.

1.5 Wildlife habitats

A cursory assessment of wildlife habitat values of trees and hedgerows on the site was carried out during the survey. No protected or exceptional habitats were identified and details were not recorded. However, trees and hedgerows of most species provide valuable nesting sites for a wide range of birds and it is likely that nesting birds will be present on the site during the period March to September. We have not been made aware of the presence of roosting bats and have not identified any obvious signs of roost sites. However, this does not mean that roost sites are absent.

1.6 Qualifications

This report has been based on my site observations and experience. Details of qualifications and experience can be found here.

<https://www.bucksplantcare.co.uk/about-us/>

1.7 Caveats

The author does not have formal qualifications in the areas of structural engineering or law. However, making comment on such matters from an arboricultural perspective is both within the normal scope of our instructions and also within the range of the author's experience. Notwithstanding this, specialist professional advice should be sought to clarify/confirm any observations on engineering or legal matters that this report may contain.

2. Site description

2.1 The site consists of a semi-detached house with a garden.

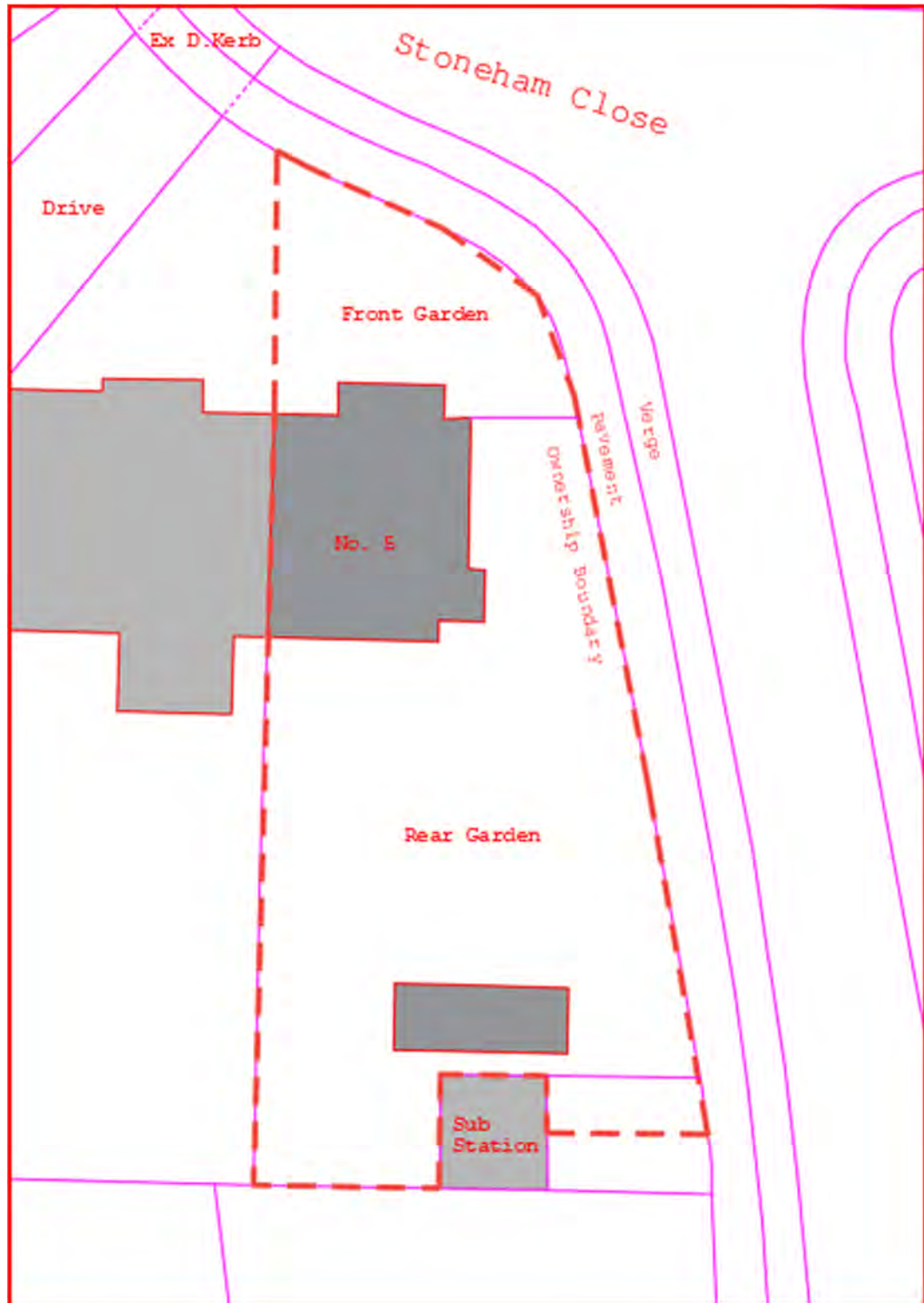
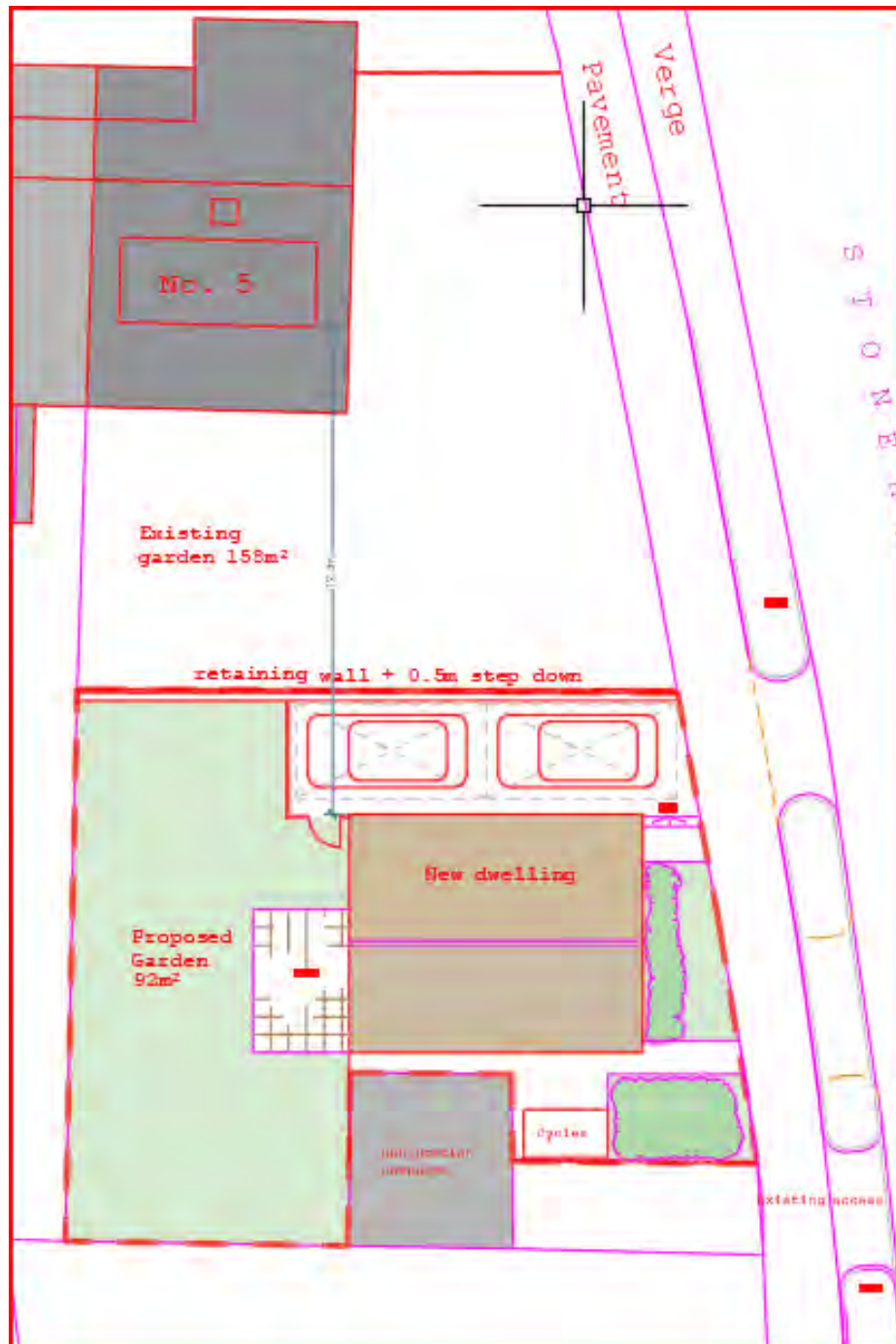


Image 1 – site location

2.2 The proposal: to build a single dwelling.



The location and detail of the proposed development and the positioning and numbering of the trees can be found plotted on the AIA plan at Appendix 2 and separate document Ref : AIA/21495. NB The original of this plan was produced in colour – a monochrome copy should not be relied upon.

3. Tree survey

- 3.1 I surveyed the site on the 20th October 2025.
- 3.2 The details of the tree survey can be found in Appendix 1 with the tree locations in Appendix 2.
- 3.3 There are no on-site trees as can be seen in the photos below:



Photo 1



Photo 2

3.4 There are no off-site trees close to the boundary.

3.5 There is a mixed hedge in the neighbouring property on the southern boundary



4. Arboricultural impact assessment

4.1 **IMPACT PROPOSAL ON TREES** (to be read in conjunction with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment- AIA - at Appendix 2)

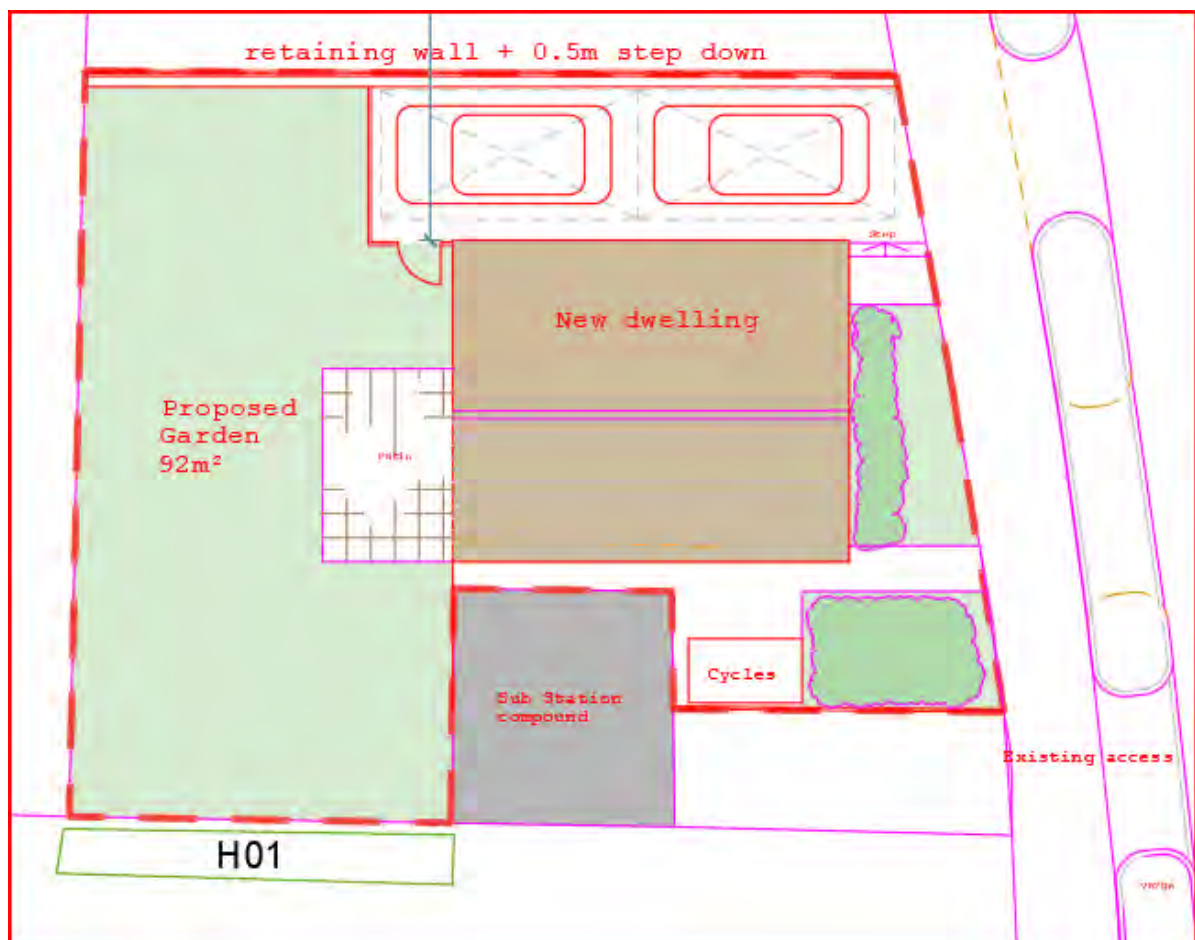
4.2 **Root Protection Areas (RPAs)**

There are no RPAs issues.

4.3 **Tree Crown Protection Zones**

There are no crown protection issues.

4.4 The area adjacent to the off-site hedge will remain a garden and no excavations will take place in that area.



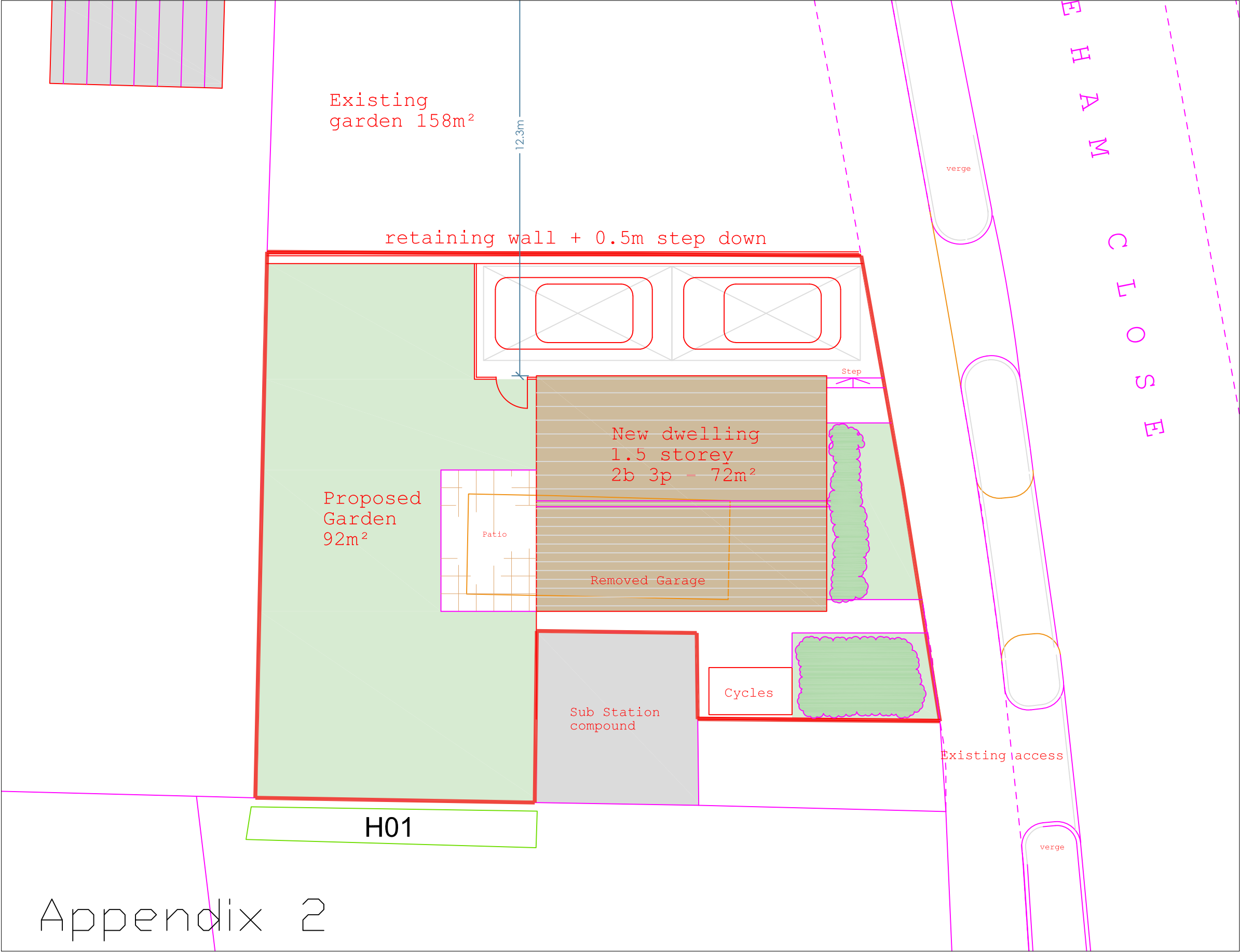
5 Conclusions

- 5.1 It is proposed to build a single dwelling in the rear garden plot.
- 5.2 There are no on-site trees and there are no off-site trees adjacent to the site.
- 5.3 There is a mixed off site hedge on the southern boundary. The area adjacent will remain as a garden and no excavations will take place in that area.

APPENDIX 1
TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE

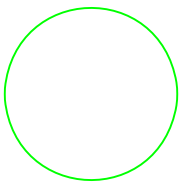
Ref.	Species	Measurements	General Observations	Retention Category	RPA	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Recommendations
H01	Mixed hedge	Height (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	An off site mixed hedge of cherry laurel, Lonicera nitida; ivy, Yew	C	NA	Good	Good	No action required

ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PLAN

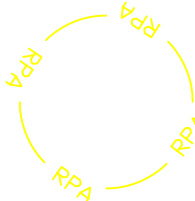


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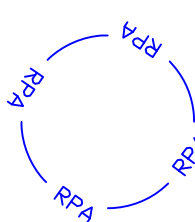
General Notes



Tree canopy



RPA Cat A



RPA Cat B



RPA Cat C

AIA plan

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