

Replacement Planting Note — T7 Ash

Tree to be removed: T7 Ash, shown as T7 (TPO) on Tree Protection Plan WARREN CREEK TPP 06942/2026 0.2.

Replacement tree: 1 no. native oak, *Quercus robur*.

Replacement location: the replacement oak shall be planted in the vicinity of the current T7 location. The exact planting position shall be finalised with Sarah Duckworth's arboricultural guidance and the final agreement of the Local Planning Authority. The selected position shall have regard to retained TPO trees T3 and T5, W21 TPO woodland adjoining the eastern boundary, approved landscaping, service routes, Flood Zone 3b constraints, construction access requirements and the long-term canopy spread and root development of *Quercus robur*.

Planting timing: the replacement tree shall be planted in the first suitable planting season following completion of development, or earlier if site works no longer affect the replacement planting area. Planting shall be carried out during the dormant planting season, normally November to March, avoiding periods of frost, snow, waterlogged ground, drought or high winds.

Nursery stock: the replacement tree shall be healthy, vigorous, pest- and disease-free nursery stock. Unless otherwise agreed with the Local Planning Authority, the replacement oak shall be supplied as a standard or heavy standard tree appropriate to the final planting location, with a clear stem, balanced crown and well-developed root system. The stock shall comply with BS 3936 Nursery Stock and BS 8545:2014+A1:2026 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape — Code of practice, unless superseded by a later current equivalent.

Tree pit preparation: the planting pit shall be prepared to accommodate the full root system or rootball without bending, distortion or compression. The pit shall be no deeper than the rootball, so that the root flare/root collar finishes level with, or very slightly above, the surrounding finished ground level. The pit shall be at least 150 mm wider than the rootball on all sides, with the sides and base lightly scarified to reduce smearing and assist root movement into the surrounding soil. The base of the pit shall not be over-loosened where this could cause settlement of the rootball.

Soil and backfill: excavated site soil shall be reused where suitable. Any imported topsoil shall comply with BS 3882 and any imported subsoil shall comply with BS 8601. Backfill shall be firmed in layers around the rootball to remove air pockets while avoiding excessive compaction. No cementitious material, contaminated soil, rubble, fuel, oil, chemicals or other deleterious material shall be incorporated into the planting pit.

Drainage check: before planting, the pit shall be checked to ensure that it is not acting as a sump. If standing water remains in the pit, planting shall not proceed until the cause has been addressed and the Arboricultural Consultant or landscape professional has confirmed that the pit is suitable.

Staking and support: the replacement tree shall be secured using a suitable low double-stake and crossbar system, or other arboriculturally appropriate support system agreed for the final stock size and

location. Stakes shall be installed so as not to damage the rootball. Ties shall be adjustable, non-abrasive and fitted to allow limited natural stem movement while preventing wind-rock. Stakes and ties shall be checked during maintenance visits and removed once the tree is sufficiently established, normally after two to three growing seasons.

Mulching: a 75 mm settled depth organic mulch shall be applied over a minimum 1 m diameter around the base of the tree, or to the extent practicable in the final planting position. Mulch shall be kept clear of the stem by at least 100 mm to avoid collar rot.

Watering: the tree shall be watered immediately after planting with not less than 50 litres of water, applied slowly to the rootball and surrounding backfill. During the first three growing seasons, April to September inclusive, the tree shall be watered during dry periods. As a minimum, watering shall comprise 50 litres per visit once per week during dry weather, increased to twice per week during prolonged hot or drought conditions. Water shall be applied slowly using a watering bag, irrigation pipe or equivalent method so that water reaches the rootball and surrounding soil rather than running off the surface.

Weed control: a weed-free circle of at least 1 m diameter shall be maintained around the tree for the first five years. Weed control shall be by hand weeding, mulch maintenance or other non-damaging method. Herbicide shall not be used unless agreed in advance and applied by a competent person in accordance with all relevant controls.

Protection from damage: the replacement tree shall be protected from strimmer, mower, animal and accidental construction damage. If required by the final location, a suitable guard or protective barrier shall be installed.

Maintenance period: the replacement tree shall be maintained for a minimum five-year establishment period. Maintenance shall include watering, weed control, mulch top-up, checking for pests and disease, checking and adjustment of stakes and ties, formative pruning where required, and replacement if the tree dies, is removed, becomes seriously damaged or fails to establish.

Replacement if failed: if the replacement tree dies, is removed, becomes seriously damaged or diseased, or fails to establish within five years of planting, it shall be replaced with another *Quercus robur* of equivalent size and quality in the next available planting season, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Relationship with retained trees: the replacement planting pit and associated excavation shall not be located within the RPA of retained TPO trees T3 or T5, or within the W21 TPO woodland constraint area, unless Sarah Duckworth has first confirmed an appropriate arboricultural method and the Local Planning Authority has agreed the final position/method. This restriction does not seek to protect the RPA of T7 after its removal; it is included to protect retained trees and the adjoining TPO woodland.