

Following our site visit I have the following comments:

- The shed has been built within the RPA of an off site TPO Oak tree (there is potential that adjacent trees may also have been compromised).
- The shed has been constructed on a concrete base.
- I understand that there was previously a concrete base in this location, this may lessen the impact of the current construction in relation to the tree roots.
- I advise that in the first instance the applicant contacts an Arboricultural Consultant who can then make an independent appraisal with recommendations in relation to a way forward.
- From the current situation (Shed in situ) it is not possible to know the extent of any damage (beyond root compaction) that may have occurred to the Oak.
- There was at the time of my visit no evidence of tree pruning.

The tree in question is what can be described as a mature scrub Oak that forms part of a group with other Oaks on third party owned land to the rear of 14 St Hermans Road. Whilst not considered to be a specimen tree, the Oak is subject of a TPO and is not within the ownership of the applicant.

I will await your email once you have heard from the applicant regarding his contact with an Arboricultural Consultant.

Thanks
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