

Daphney

I spoke to Jamie this morning and advised him that we had now carried out an investigation on site, as suggested below, to establish the presence or otherwise of roots where the new foundations would extend into the theoretical RPA of T1 at the most critical point nearest the tree.

A 450mm wide trench was hand dug to a depth of around 750mm in the position shown on the attached sketch. Clean clay subsoil was found and there was some groundwater which required pumping. However, I can confirm that no roots of any description were found indicating that T1 had not extended its root system to that point.

As a result, it is concluded that the excavations necessary to construct the proposed houses should not result in any root damage to trees T1 & T2.

Whilst some stress, particularly to T1, may occur due to the demolition and removal of concrete pavings, this cannot be avoided in order to redevelop the site but would be minimised by adopting the careful procedures set out in the Arboricultural Report and Method Statement. The minimal reduction in area of the potential RPA should be more than compensated by the reinstatement of good quality soil to replace the impervious concrete surfacing at a similar finished level to allow these trees to flourish in the longer term.

Should you or Jamie wish to inspect the excavation, this has been left open for the time being. I shall be obtaining a photographic record before it is backfilled which I can submit should you require.

I understand that Jamie intends to discuss this matter with you tomorrow (Wednesday) and I would be grateful to receive any further feedback.

Kind regards

Jeff