

Having read the file and visited the site I would assess that this is definitely a tree worthy of retention and full protection measures being applied including the making of a TPO.

I did not have access to the base of the tree - but it appears sound and healthy from outside the site and from my experience trees like this are very long lived and very soundly rooted – thus I perceive no cause for increased concern from adding an extension to the property.

Although, I tend to agree with Jamie that a smaller extension would place less pressure on the tree.

The RPA for this tree will take up almost all of the rear garden area so development within the RPA is inevitable.

In an effort to find a compromise I would assess that it should be possible to employ the services of a small tracked piling rig on this site to auger the piled footings upon which an above ground suspended structure could be built. In this way the tree can be retained and the owners can have their extension.

I note that you have requested a full AIA and MS report from an expert arboriculturist which should detail how this can be achieved.

Conclusions

This tree shows good health and vitality and being an A grade tree it is of very high visual amenity value.

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