
ARBORICULTURAL SUMMARY – MILTON HILL, CLAPHAM

Arboricultural Survey

An arboricultural survey of the Site took place on the 22nd November 2017, and a further survey was undertaken on the 1st May 2018, and an Arboricultural Impact Assessment undertaken.

The following trees were identified on and immediately adjacent to site:

- 8 individual Category B trees – Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years.
- 2 groups of Category B2 trees – Trees of moderate quality present in numbers such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals.
- 12 individual Category C trees – Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of less than 10 years which are either small, thus easily replaced, are unremarkable, are of limited arboricultural merit and/or in an impaired condition.
- 4 groups of Category C2 trees – Trees of low quality present in groups.
- 3 individual Category U trees – Trees in such a condition that they cannot be realistically retained as living trees for longer than 10 years. Includes trees with serious, irredeemable structural defects, trees which are dead or showing signs of significant, immediate and irreversible decline or trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health of nearby trees. All of these trees are recommended for removal.
- 1 group of Category U trees – Trees which cannot be realistically retained as living trees present in groups.

Impact Assessment

There are no Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area constraints on the Site. Trees to the north of the Site are protected by a TPO, however these trees will not be affected by the proposed development. No veteran trees or ancient woodland were found on or adjacent to the site.

Five trees (three Category C and two Category U) and three tree groups (one Category B and two Category C) will need to be removed to facilitate that proposed development. This will not have an adverse impact on local amenity values and can be easily mitigated by new tree planting as part of the development.

One Category U tree and one Category U tree group are not required for removal to facilitate the development; however, they are in poor condition and may have to be removed for sound arboricultural management objectives.

The proposed footpath within the area of open space in the centre of the Site encroaches into the Root Protection Areas of G5 (Category B) and T21 (Category B). It is recommended that where possible the footpath is moved to outside the RPAs of these trees at the detailed design stage. Where this is not possible, then the footpath should be constructed using a no-dig materials and construction methodology.

The trees that are to be retained on the Site will be protected during the proposed works with tree protection fencing.