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Dear Alexandra,

Re: Kings House School Strawberry Tree

Further to your request that I consider the pruning required to a Strawberry tree (TPO ref T23, tree survey number T19) to allow construction access, I visited site on 24-11-2021 and am now pleased to attach some marked up photos and to provide my comments.

The main development is planned for the rear of the site and access to this area will be achieved by demolition of the garage shown in the photo in page C attached, to leave a maximum width for access, which I measured at 3.1m. Presumably site hoarding or similar will need to be erected through this passage to protect the building and the boundary wall so the actual access width will be less than this.

Removal of the gate pillar is proposed which will leave an access width of 3.25m entering the site, with the access fenced off with timber hoarding, narrowing down to less than 3.1m between the school building and the boundary wall.

I used a 4m pole to assess which branches will need to be removed to allow 4m clearance through this access and concluded that the following branches will need to be removed:-

- a 110mm diameter branch above the gate pillar, shown on photo page A attached, which will need to be taken back to the fork indicated "X" on the photo. This is a significant branch but only supports a small amount of foliage, as indicated.
- a 130mm low hanging branch, shown on photo page B attached, further back in the site, which will need to be taken back to the fork as indicated on the photo. This is a significant branch which supports the majority of low foliage to be removed.
- a 50mm low hanging branch pruned to point "Y" on the photo.
- 3 no small low hanging branches between the two larger branches described above, with diameters of approximately 15mm, 25mm and 35mm.

To protect the tree from construction traffic, timber "goal posts" must be erected to protect the major branches at points "X" and "Y". Sheet D attached shows the dimensions of these "goalposts" relative to these points. Erection of "goal posts" should be specifically included in tender documents and they should be inspected by a retained arboricultural consultant before this access is used for demolition of the garages.

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In total, I estimate that only approximately 10% of the canopy of the tree will be pruned which will not threaten the vitality of the tree and, although it will reduce low screening of the building in this area, there will only be a marginal effect on the high amenity value of the tree.

Pruning must only be carried out by a reputable contractor, preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association (www.trees.org.uk), to the standards set out in BS 3998:2010 British Standard recommendations for Tree Work. Since the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order permission is required before any works can take place.

If you require any further information, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



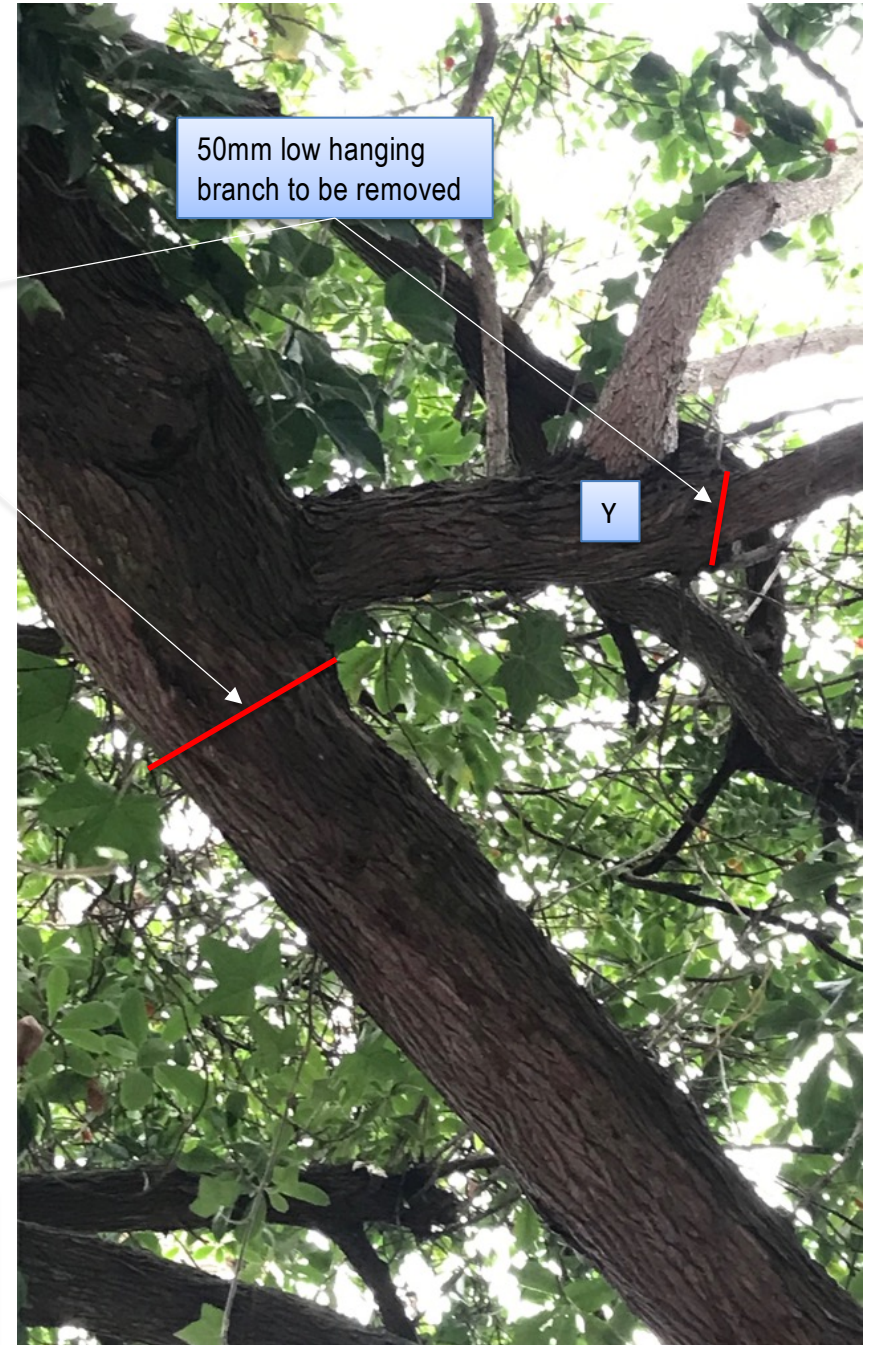
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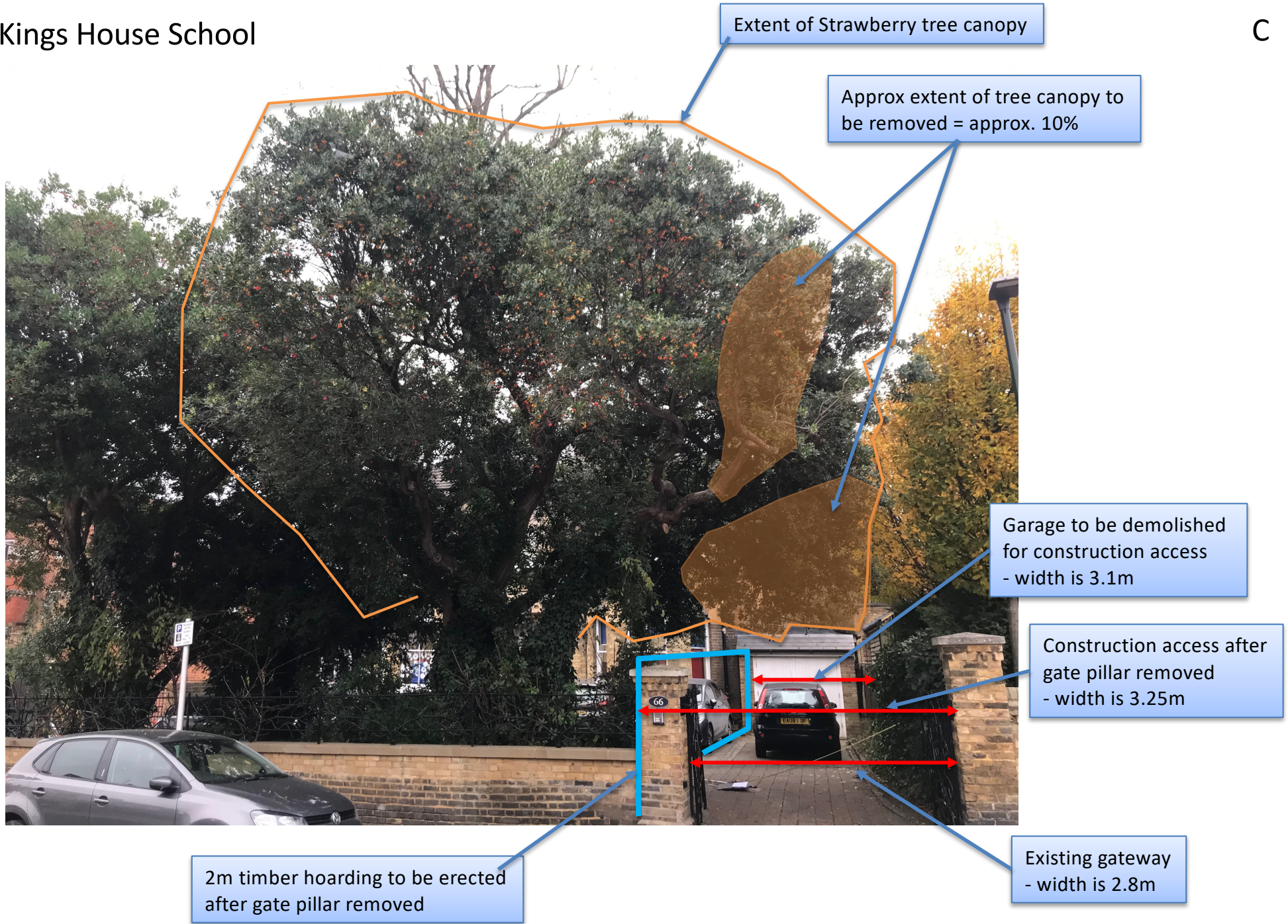
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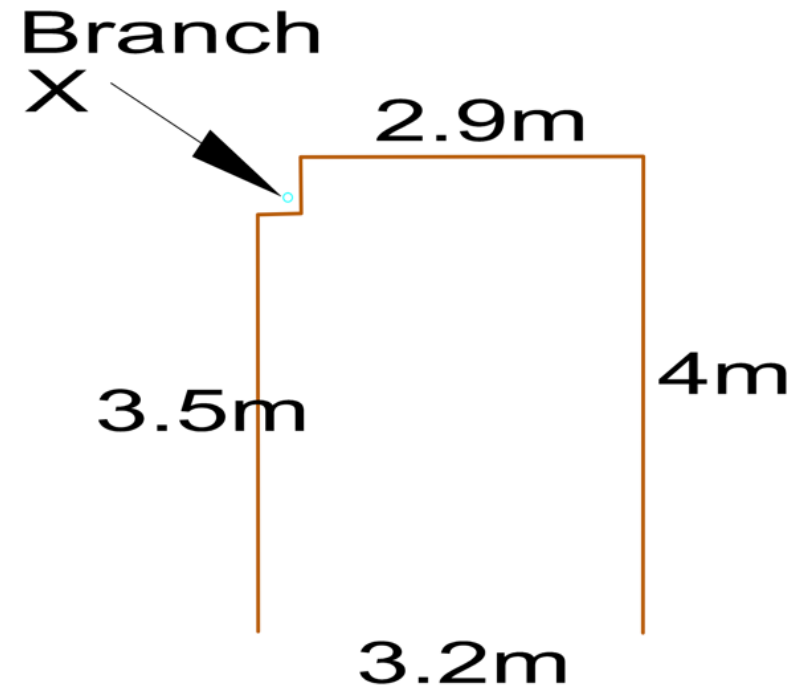
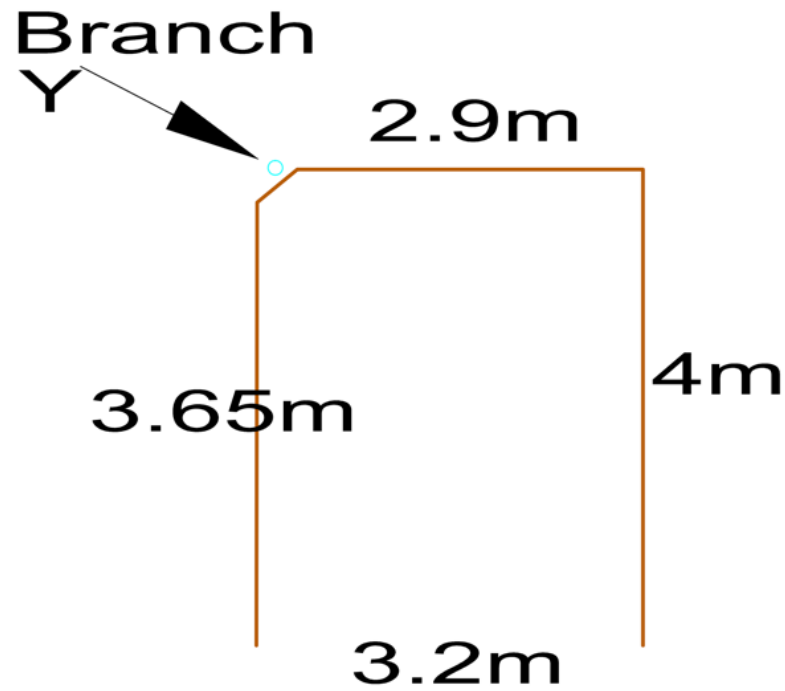




Kings House School

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Dimensions of "goalposts" to be erected to protect tree branches at point X and Y