## ARBORICULTURAL REPORT TO ACCOMPANY PLANNING APPLICATION AT

Garages And Land Adj To Railway South Worple Way East Sheen London



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#### 1.0 The Site

- 1.1 The application site is comprised of lock up garages situated on the northern side of South Worple Way in East Sheen, London.
- 1.2 There are a number of trees and shrubs of varying species situated at the site. All trees and shrubs were surveyed from ground level in accordance with the requirements of BS 5837:2012 by suitably qualified and experienced personnel in May 2023.
- 1.3 The trees and shrubs in question are detailed within the Tree Data Tables at Appendix 1 and on drawing DPA-9085-01 at Appendix 2.

#### 2.0 Development Proposals

- 2.1 The drawings submitted to the Local Planning Authority show the proposal as:
  - Demolition of existing garages and erection of 4 x 2 bedroom flats and 1 x 2 bedroom house with associated hard and soft landscaping, parking and cycle and refuse store
- 2.2 The trees and shrubs to be removed to facilitate the proposals for development are detailed as Buddleia S1 & S2 and Sycamore G3 within this report. The trees and shrubs to be removed are all self-seeded and growing within close proximity to the existing garages. Given the potential for both direct and/or indirect damage to the garages (and/or roofing) similar trees and shrubs have grown in this location and then been removed (on a regular basis) in the past. S1, S2 & G3 are not significant within the context of the local or wider landscape.
- 2.3 The proposed replacement tree planting includes some 9 new trees and will offset any loss in amenity from the removal of S1, S2 & G3. The replacement tree planting will go on to provide permanent tree cover within the local landscape (as opposed to the transient tree cover that the regularly removed trees and vegetation currently provide). The proposed replacement tree planting is detailed on drawing DPA-9085-02 at Appendix 3.
- 2.4 The trees and shrubs in question are not accurately displayed on the available aerial or street view images as these are not recent (most recent Google Street View is dated 2014). However, the Google Street View images do provide an insight into the regular tree and vegetation removal works at this site, as can be seen in the image below from August 2008:

Google Street View Image – August 2008 – Note all trees & vegetation removed from the Site (the trees visible in the background are on the other side of the railway)





#### 2.5 The site photographs below were taken in the winter of 2022/2023:

Site Photographs Winter 2022/2023 – Note all similar trackside trees and shrubs removed and fencing erected for recently approved adjacent development (Ref: 19/3324/FUL). Note the self-seeded and young nature of the trees and shrubs in question at the site. Note the trackside banking is not significant and its stability will be very unlikely to be impacted upon by the proposed tree and shrub removal works (it has not collapsed in the past, following similar and/or the same tree works and/or the recent similar works directly adjacent to the site).







#### 3.0 Policy Context, Planning History and Current Stage in the Design Process

- 3.1 This report seeks to cover the requirements of the London Borough of Richmond policies and planning guidance and accompanies the application for development of the site.
- 3.2 We can confirm that this application for development has been reviewed by a qualified Arboriculturalist and it has been concluded that the trees and shrubs to be removed are not significant within the local or wider landscape and that any amenity lost due to their removal can be suitably offset by replacement tree planting.

#### 4.0 Tree Preservation Orders / Conservation Areas

4.1 We understand that the site is not situated within a Conservation Area. We understand none of the trees present at 39 Anlaby Road are subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

#### 5.0 Arboricultural Supervision and Site Inspections

- 5.1 The applicant has confirmed that they will be appointing a Project Arboricultural Consultant to supervise and document the tree planting noted within this report.
- 5.2 The Project Arboricultural Consultant will oversee the tree planting operations and issue a site monitoring report (including photographic records) to the site manager, the client, the Local Planning Authority (Tree Officer) to ensure the tree planting is undertaken in compliance with BS 8545:2014 and the specific requirements of any conditions (Tree Planting) attached to any planning permission for the proposed development.
- 5.3 The timetable for the above site supervision and site inspections is detailed below:

#### Proposed schedule / timetable of site supervision

Project Arboricultural Consultant to meet on site to brief client and/or site manager and/or contractors of the specific requirements for tree planting at this site.

1st Site Visit by Arboricultural Consultant

Project Arboricultural Consultant advised of start date for on-site works including;

- All soft and hard landscape works
  - Supervision of tree planting and update report to Tree Officer

Site visits to inspect site with client/site manager and supervise works as necessary

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Visits by Project Arboricultural Consultant

N.B Allowance for possible further site visits to ensure compliance with Planning Conditions and updates to Local Planning Authority (Tree Officer)

All major site works completed – Project Arboricultural Consultant visits site to assess all works and undertake a final BS 5837 assessment and update

Local Planning Authority (Tree Officer)

(Final Site Visit by Project Arboricultural Consultant)



#### 6.0 Tree Constraints – Overview

Data on all trees at the site has been collected and is detailed on Drawing Number DPA-9085-01 and within the Tree Data Table within the appendices of this report.

#### 7.0 Tree Constraints – Site Access & Site Preparation

- 7.1 Access to the site is to be routed via the existing hard surfaced area adjacent to South Worple Road.
- 7.2 As no trees are to be retained at the site and there are no trees situated directly adjacent to this site, no special precautions and/or tree protection measures are required in connection with the proposed development.

#### 8.0 Tree Constraints - Proposed Hard Surfaces

8.1 As no trees are to be retained at the site and there are no trees situated directly adjacent to this site, no special precautions and/or methods and materials will be required in connection with the proposed development.

#### 9.0 Tree Constraints - Construction

9.1 The footprint of the proposed buildings are not situated within or adjacent to any Root Protection Areas. No special precautions and/or tree protection measures are required in connection with the proposed development.

#### 10.0 Juxtaposition of the Proposed Buildings to Trees & Light & Shade Issues

10.1 The proposed new trees will not require any detrimental on-going management due to their proximity to the proposed buildings. Trees do not and will not significantly obstruct sunlight to any of the habitable rooms within the proposed development.

#### 11.0 Proposed Tree Planting

- 11.1 The applicant has confirmed that in order to provide continued tree cover and enhancement of the landscape, new trees, shrubs and/or hedges will be planted, with an appropriate aftercare contract to ensure successful establishment.
- 11.2 The proposed tree planting is shown on drawing DPA-9085-01 at Appendix 3.

#### 12.0 Underground Services

- 12.1 The placement and implementation of services has been considered to ensure that none of the trees identified for retention and protection will be detrimentally affected by the construction of service trenches.
- 12.2 It is proposed to install services and drainage in accordance with BS 5837:2012 and the NJUG 4 guidelines i.e. wherever possible utilise existing services or route any new services outside of any Root Protection Areas and/or hand dig service trenches, under the supervision of a qualified Arboriculturalist within any Root Protection Areas.



#### 13.0 Scope of Brief

- 13.1 Carry out a survey of the trees within and adjacent to the site in accordance with BS 5837:2012 and collect data in order to advise the development team of the key issues relating to trees, with options and risk strategies.
- 13.2 Prepare a report, with associated tabulated data and site plans, in order to facilitate consideration of the tree issues by the Local Planning Authority.
- 13.3 Provide advice as to whether tree issues are likely to be a significant consideration in obtaining a planning permission, identify key areas of the proposed development where problems may occur and where special measures or method statements may be required during the implementation of the proposed development.

#### 14.0 Terms of Reference

14.1 Architects drawings submitted to accompany the planning application.

#### 15.0 Conclusions

#### 15.1 It is concluded that:

- Trees should not present a planning constraint to the proposed development.
- The proposed tree planting will offset the loss of the relatively poor quality young selfseeded trees and shrubs and the only transient amenity value that they provide.
- The proposed tree planting will go on to provide permanent tree cover and amenity within the local landscape.

#### 16.0 Recommendations

#### 16.1 It is recommended that:

- The recommendations for tree planting within this report are adhered to.
- That the Local Planning Authority (Tree Officer) should consider approval of this application, subject to appropriate planning conditions.



## **APPENDIX 1**

Tree Data Tables



TREE NO.	ТУРЕ	SPECIES	неіснт	HEIGHT (MIN)	HEIGHT (MAX)	DIAMETER (MM)	ROOT PROTECTION AREA- AREA (M²)	ROOT PROTECTION AREA- RADIUS (M)	DIAMETER (MIN)	DIAMETER (MAX)	CROWN SPREAD (AS=AS SHOWN ON PLAN)	CROWN CLEARANCE	AGE CLASS	CONDITION	PRELIINARY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS	NOTES	ESTIMATED REMAINING SLE	BS 5837:2012 CATEGORY	STATUTORY CONTROLS
1	S	Buddleia	3.0	-	-	135	8.24	1.62	-	-	AS	0.0	Y	Fair	Remove & replace to facilitate the proposed development	Self-seeded shrub. Comprised on multiple stems. Not significant within the context of the local or wider landscape	10+	C1	-
2	S	Buddleia	-	2.5	6.0	145	9.51	1.74	-	-	AS	0.0	Y	Fair	Remove & replace to facilitate the proposed development	Self-seeded large shrubs. Comprised on multiple stems / individual plants. Not significant within the context of the local or wider landscape	10+	C2	-
3	G	Sycamore (& Buddleia)		2.0	10.0	180	14.66	2.16	40	180	AS	1.0	Y	Fair	Remove & replace to facilitate the proposed development	Group of young self-seed trees. Comprised on multiple stems / individual trees. Not significant within the context of the local or wider landscape	10+	C2	-

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#### Key to Tree Data Tables

#### 1.1 Tree Number (T No.)

- T = Individual tree detailed on the drawings which accompany the tree report
- G = Group of trees detailed on the drawings which accompany the tree report
- W = Woodland areas detailed on the drawings which accompany the tree report
- S = Individual shrub detailed on the drawings which accompany the tree report

#### 2.1 Species

Tree or vegetation detailed within the tree data table using common name (UK)

#### 3.1 Tree Height (Ht)

 Tree or other vegetation height measured from ground level and detailed within the data table in metres

#### 4.1 Crown Spread (Cs)

 Tree crown spread radius from the main stem, either detailed within the tree data tables or on the drawings in metres. Where tree crown spreads are not shown to scale on the drawings which accompany the tree report, measurements will be recorded and detailed within the tree data tables for North, East, South and West directions

#### 5.1 Crown Clearance (Cc)

 Clearance from existing ground level to first significant lowest branch and/or average for canopy in metres. If applicable and/or if access is required directly under tree canopies additional notes and observations may also be recorded within the tree data table

#### 6.1 Stem Diameter (Stem DBH)

• Stem diameter measured at 1.5m above ground level for single stemmed trees (and average diameter utilised for multi-stemmed trees) and other vegetation and detailed within the tree data table in millimetres. All measurements taken in accordance with Annex C of BS5837:2012

#### 7.1 Root Protection Area (RPA)

- The root protection areas are calculated in accordance with the equations contained within BS5837:2012
- The highest/top figure within the tree data table represents the overall recommended root protection area in metres squared
- The second highest/middle figure within the tree data table represents the radius of a nominal circle centred on the main stem of the tree in question in linear metres (which contains the required root protection area in metres squared and is shown on the drawings which accompany the tree report). Specific and/or amended root protection areas may be shown for trees that are not open grown



#### Key to Tree Data Tables

#### 8.1 Physiological Condition (Condition)

• G = Good, F = Fair, P = Poor, D = Dead

(Note: if applicable observations are also recorded within the tree data table)

#### 9.1 Age Class

- Y = Young
- MA = Middle Aged
- M = Mature
- OM = OverMature
- V = Veteran

#### 10.1 Structural Condition & Comments

 Notes regarding structural condition (e.g. physical defects) and, if applicable, overall condition

#### 11.1 Preliminary Management Recommendations

 Preliminary management recommendations including tree works, tree protection requirements, obvious ecological factors, further investigations of suspected defects etc.

#### 12.1 Estimated Years (Est. Years)

Estimated remaining contribution to the local and/or wider landscape in years

#### 13.1 BS5837:2012 Tree Quality Assessment (Cat Grade)

- Category A = trees of high quality and/or high landscape value in such a condition as to be able to make a substantial contribution to the local and/or wider landscape for the next 40 years or more
- Category B = trees of moderate quality and/or moderate landscape value in such a condition as to be able to make a significant contribution to the local and/or wider landscape for the next 20 years or more
- Category C = trees of relatively low quality and/or low landscape value in such a condition as to be able to provide an adequate contribution to the local and/or wider landscape for the next 10 years or more (or young and/or self-seeded trees with a stem diameter below 150mm)
- Category U = trees in such a poor condition that any existing landscape value would be lost within 10 years and/or trees that need to be removed for reasons of sound arboricultural management and/or health & safety

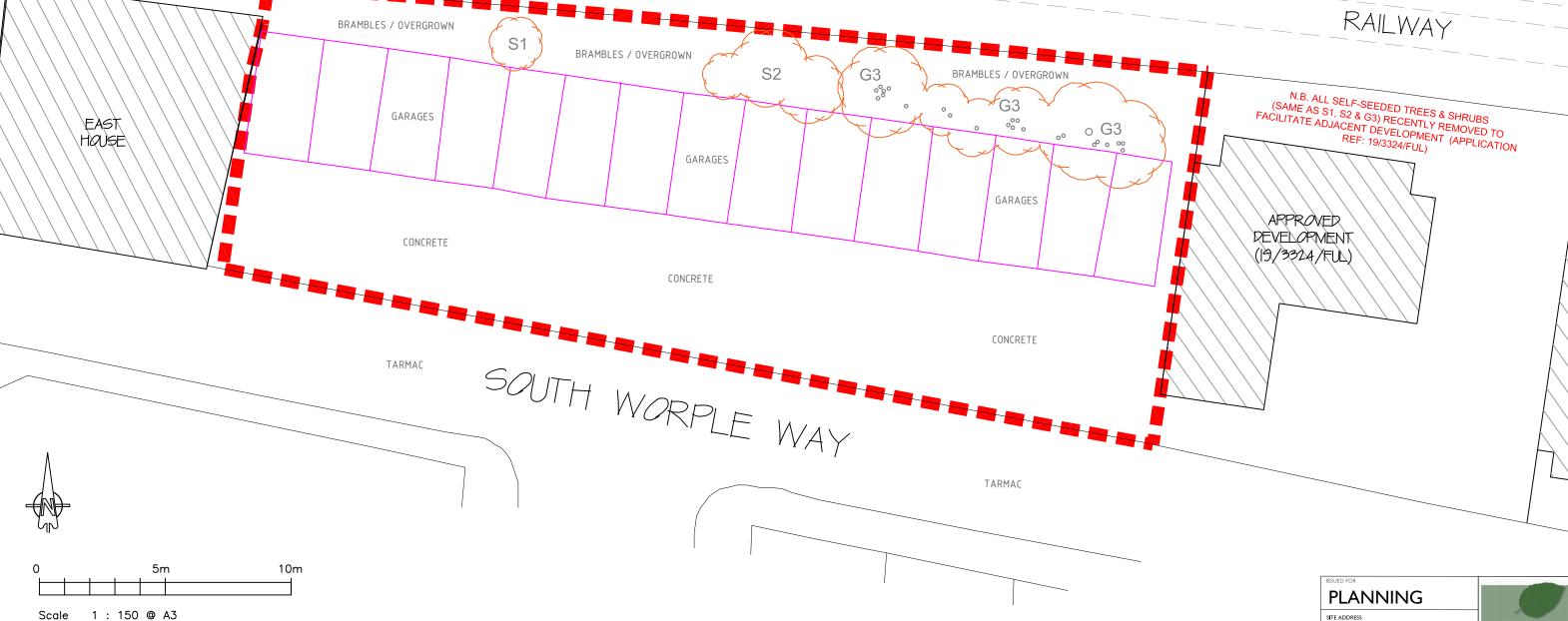


## **APPENDIX 2**

Drawing Number DPA-9085-01

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## RAILWAY



#### TREE DATA TABLE (BS 5837:2012)

TREE NO.	TYPE	SPECIES	неіснт	HEIGHT (MIN)	НЕІСНТ (МАХ)	DIAMETER (MM)	ROOT PROTECTION AREA- AREA	ROOT PROTECTION AREA- RADIUS (M)	DIAMETER (MIN)	DIAMETER (MAX)	CROWN SPREAD (AS=AS SHOWN ON PLAN)	CROWN CLEARANCE	AGE CLASS	CONDITION	PRELIINARY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS	NOTES	ESTIMATED REMAINING SLE	BS 5837:2012 CATEGORY	STATUTORY CONTROLS	
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#### NOTES

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DRAWING KEY

BS CATEGORY A - TREES OF HIGH QUALITY

BS CATEGORY B - TREES OF MODERATE QUALITY

BS CATEGORY U - TREES UNSUITABLE FOR RETENTION

REQUIRED ROOT PROTECTION AREAS (BS 5837:2012)

EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE REMOVED / DEMOLISHED

TREES & SHRUBS TO BE REMOVED & REPLACED

FOR RETAINED TREES

BS CATEGORY C - TREES OF LOW QUALITY

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Note changes in site levels, existing buildings, hard surfaces other trees and their associated root systems will have restricted root growth from some trees in some directions. Therefore the Root Protection Areas shown on this drawing should be considered as indicative only.

**GARAGES AND LAND** 

ADJACENT TO RAILWAY SOUTH WORPLE WAY EAST SHEEN

LONDON

TAYLOR COX **ASSOCIATES** 

SCALE SHEET SIZE DRAWN

1:150 A3 DP MAY 2023

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**EXISTING SITE LAYOUT** (TREE SURVEY)

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been removed in the past, on a regular basis. The proposed replacement tree planting at this site will offset any loss in amenity from the removal of \$1, \$2 & \$G3\$ and will provide permanent tree cover within the local landscape



## **APPENDIX 3**

Drawing Number DPA-9085-02

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RAILWAY N.B. SPECIES CHOSEN (UPRIGHT FORM) & NO HABITABLE ROOM WINDOWS ON REAR ELEVATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ALLOW FOR TREE PLANTING IN RELATIVELY CLOSE PROXIMITY TO BUILDINGS RAILWAY X3 14/16cm GIRTH CONTAINER GROWN N.B. ALL SELF-SEEDED TREES & SHRUBS (SAME AS S1, S2 & G3) RECENTLY REMOVED TO FACILITATE ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT (APPLICATION REF: 19/3324/FUL) DAWYCK 'UPRIGHT' BEECH Cycle Store Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' EAST 14/16cm GIRTH CONTAINER GROWN DAWYCK URRIGHT' BEECH Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' HOUSE X3 14/16cm GIRTH CONTAINER GROWN DAWYCK 'UPRIGHT' BEECH Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' APPROVED DEVELOPMENT (19/3324/FUL) SOUTH WORPLE WAY TARMAC TARMAC X1 16/18cm GIRTH CONTAINER GROWN MAIDENHAIR TREE 'PRINCETON SENTRY' TREE PLANTING DETAILS NOTES: I. INSTALLATION INCLUDES REMOVAL OF STAKES ONE YEAR AFTER INSTALLATION **PLANNING** 2. SHAPE SOIL SURFACE TO PROVIDE WATERING RING **GARAGES AND LAND**  ADJUST TREE TIES TO ALLOW ROOM FOR GROWTH DURING ADJACENT TO RAILWAY SOUTH WORPLE WAY EAST SHEEN ESTABLISHMENT (ALLOW STAKE TREE WITH (2) LONDON TREATED WOOD STAKES TREE PIT DEPTH SHALL EQUAL ROOTBALL DEPTH TREE PLANTING SCHEDULE 73 Park Road (2) PROLOCK I" (W) POLY Staines Upon Thames CHAIN LOCK TIES (OR EQUAL), STAPLE TIES TO (MEASURE BEFORE Surrey TW19 7NT Tree Species Abr. Size No. DIGGING TO AVOID **TAYLOR COX** STAKES AND LOOP OVEREXCAVATION) **ASSOCIATES** Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' LOOSELY AROUND TREE (ALLOW SLACK) SET TOP OF ROOT (upright cultivar) FS 14/16cm 8 3" (D) MULCH, DO NOT COVER TREE GRAFT CROWN 2" ABOVE FINISHED SOIL Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry' 3" TO 4" HIGH (upright & male cultivar) GB 16/18cm CIRCULAR WATER DAM REMOVE ALL WIRE AROUND TREE STRING, AND NURSERY WRAPS **Total No.** 9 SCALE SHEET SIZE DRAWN ROUGHEN SIDES OF I:150 A3 DP MAY 2023 PLANTING HOLE. BACKFILL WITH NATIVE DRIVE STAKES AT SOIL AMENDED WITH 25% DRAWING TITLE DRAWING KEY ROOTBALL EDGE PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT ORGANIC COMPOST (TREE PLANTING PLAN) DRIVE STAKES 6" PROPOSED NEW / REPLACEMENT TREES TO 12" INTO UNDISTURBED SOIL 10m LEAVE SUBGRADE 5m UNDISTURBED TO TO BE PLANTED & MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE www.dpa-uk.com PROVIDE A FIRM BASE BELOW ROOTBALL WITH BS 8545:2014 (SPECIES & SIZE SHOWN) REVISION FOR ROOTBALL

1 : 150 @ A3

Scale

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2X ROOTBALL DIA, MIN