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**Tree Inspection
Acorn Lodge
Pinder Oaks
Upper Sheffield Road
Barnsley
South Yorkshire**

**Client
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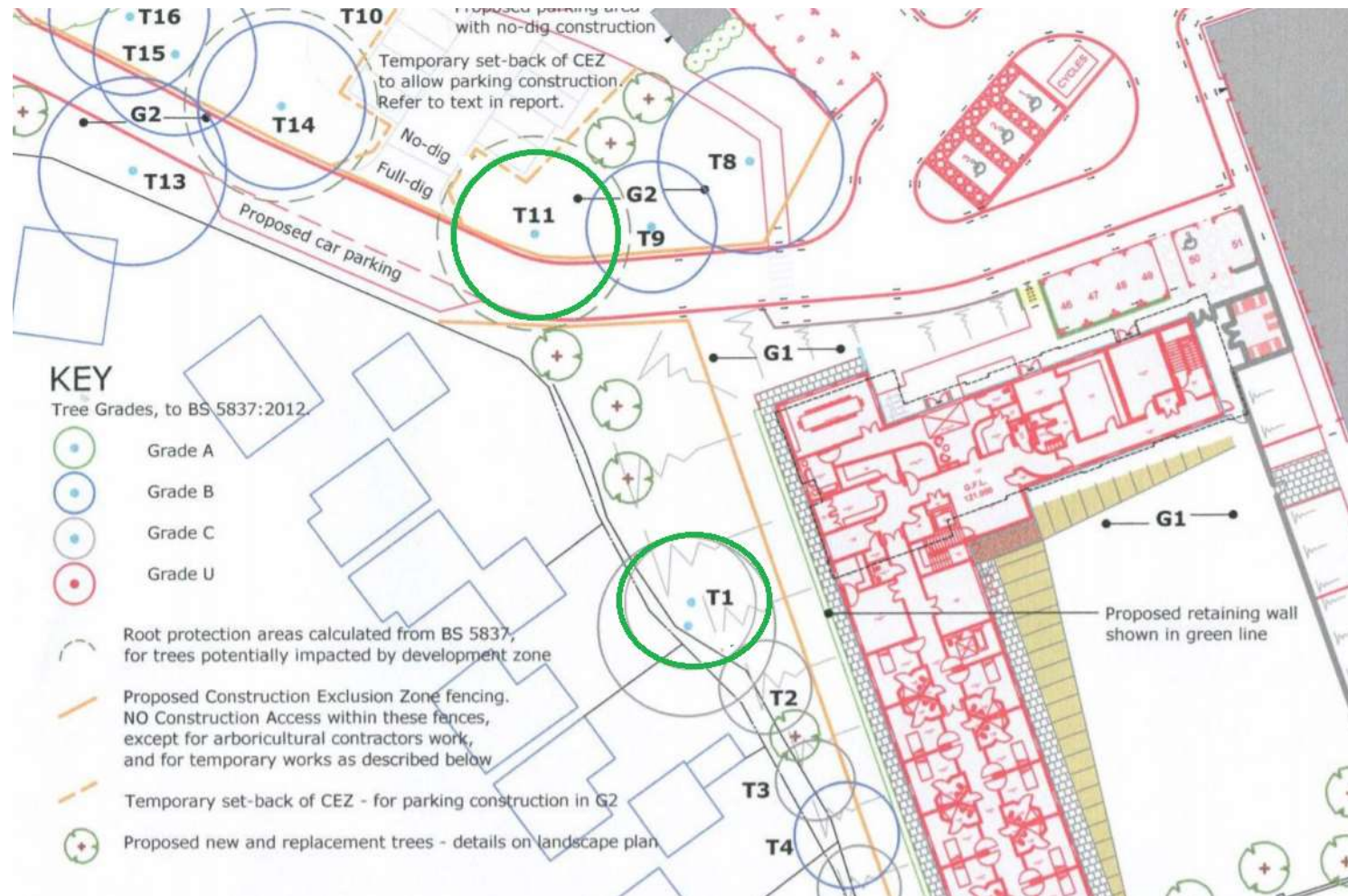
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1.0 Introduction

Concerns had been expressed regarding two trees on the development site at Acorns Lodge, Pinder Oaks, Upper Sheffield Road, Barnsley. The trees were listed as T11 a Horse Chestnut and T2 a Sycamore. It would appear that T2 had been mis-identified as T1 which is to the rear of 6 Templing Close, Barnsley as indicated on the location plan below. The tree survey was undertaken on the 7th December 2018 by Mark S Feather during fine weather conditions.

2.0 Site Plan



3.0 Tree Observations

3.1 Horse Chestnut – T11

Concerns had been expressed on the condition of the tree by contractors undertaking some minor pruning work on the tree. It is not known exactly what items they were referring to or at what time of year the work had taken place. In late summer many Horse Chestnuts can look in fairly poor health as they can suffer badly from scale insects (*Pulviaria regalis*), leaf mining moths (*Cameraria obirdella*) and a fungal infection (*Phyllosticta sphaeropsoides*) all of which affect the leaves, turning them brown and blotchy. This is more of an aesthetic problem and no real control measures are practical to undertake. The tree has a minor bark wound on one of the lower branches on the northern side of the tree and some slight resin bleeding could also be seen on the lower trunk, but nothing significant.

Recommendation - review the condition of the tree in summer when in leaf.



Photograph 1 - Horse Chestnut T11

3.2 Sycamore T1

The tree is located at the top of steep banking alongside adjacent housing as indicated on the photograph below. The tree is to the rear of 6 Templing Close and some lower branches have been pruned from the tree on the house side. This has created a slight crown bias over the development site, see photographs on the following pages.



Photograph 2 - View of T2 – December 2018



Photograph 3 - T1 from near base of embankment - Photograph taken in summer by Contractor



Photograph 4 - T1 - View from Road



Photograph 5 - T1 - View from Templing Close

The tree does not appear to be in an unsound condition although access to the base of the tree was not possible due to site vegetation. The previous survey of the trees in September 2017 by Richard Lancaster also found the tree in reasonable health. The report recommends the removal of the low limb.

However, perched on top of the embankment with a crown bias over the site this somewhat isolated tree does appear to be causing some anxiety in advance of the building being occupied. The tree is well below its ultimate height so concern are likely to increase in the future once the building is occupied. For both the new building and the existing houses it would appear that some tall growing shrubs / small trees would be more appropriate than a large growing tree. Lower growing plants would provide a better visual screening between the two development and would also not block the open views to the east for the adjacent houses as illustrated in photograph 5. Lower growing plants would also not over shadow and dominate the new development., so as to avoid the potential anxiety the tree might cause in the future. Planting along the boundary could be undertaken with material like Hazel, Hawthorn, Guelder Rose, holly, Crab Apple etc

Recommendations

To apply to the council for the removal of the tree T2 subject to replacement planting of low native growing trees / shrubs along the embankment. See photograph over page.

Planting along rear boundaries

