

Graven Hill Health Hub

Arboricultural Briefing Note

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1. Introduction

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) was submitted in April 2021 to support a Full Planning Application for a proposed Health Hub at Graven Hill. The application reference is 21/01454/F and the AIA reference is WIE16470-100-R-10-2-3-AIA.

This Briefing Note seeks to deal with the consultation response received from Arboricultural services at Cherwell District Council (CDC). The following comments were made:

"The proposal requires the removal of 18 trees, retaining only one BS58837:2012 category B tree, and one category B group. On this subject, the submitted Arboricultural report is inconsistent, as table 2, and drawing 3 cites T14 as being removed however, AMS 11.2 and drawing 2 suggest T14 is to be retained. Confirmation is required.

In addition, further clarity is being sought on measures to protect T13 which is to be retained. This includes the following:

- Hard surfacing abuts RPA, this leaves little room for continued root development limiting the trees longevity.
- Bus turning area beneath crown spread of T13 can be expected to create above ground conflict, which a 3m crown lift is unlikely to resolve lending to most busses being taller than 3m. highway clearances are normally set at 5.2m.
- Car parking beneath T13 is inappropriate as oak drops hard fruits.

Insufficient detail covering construction of hard surfacing and working within CEZ of T13.



2. Updates to Arboricultural Impact Assessment

2.1 Tree T14 Clarification

Further to the comments received from CDC in respect to T14, it can be confirmed that T14 is not to be retained on site. Removal of T14 can be seen on the tree removal plan shown in Appendix A of this Briefing Note. It can be confirmed that T13 is to be retained on the site only.

2.2 Tree T13 Further Protection

Further to the comments received from CDC in respect to protection of T13, the masterplan has been amended accordingly to reduce works within the area of the root protection and extent of the canopy. The amended masterplan, showing the extent of T13, can be seen in Appendix B.

Furthermore the tree retention plan, attached in Appendix A, has also been updated to include the amended masterplan. This clearly shows that the proposed works fall outside of the root protection and canopy.

The amended proposals therefore are considered to provide adequate protection for T13 as sought by CDC.

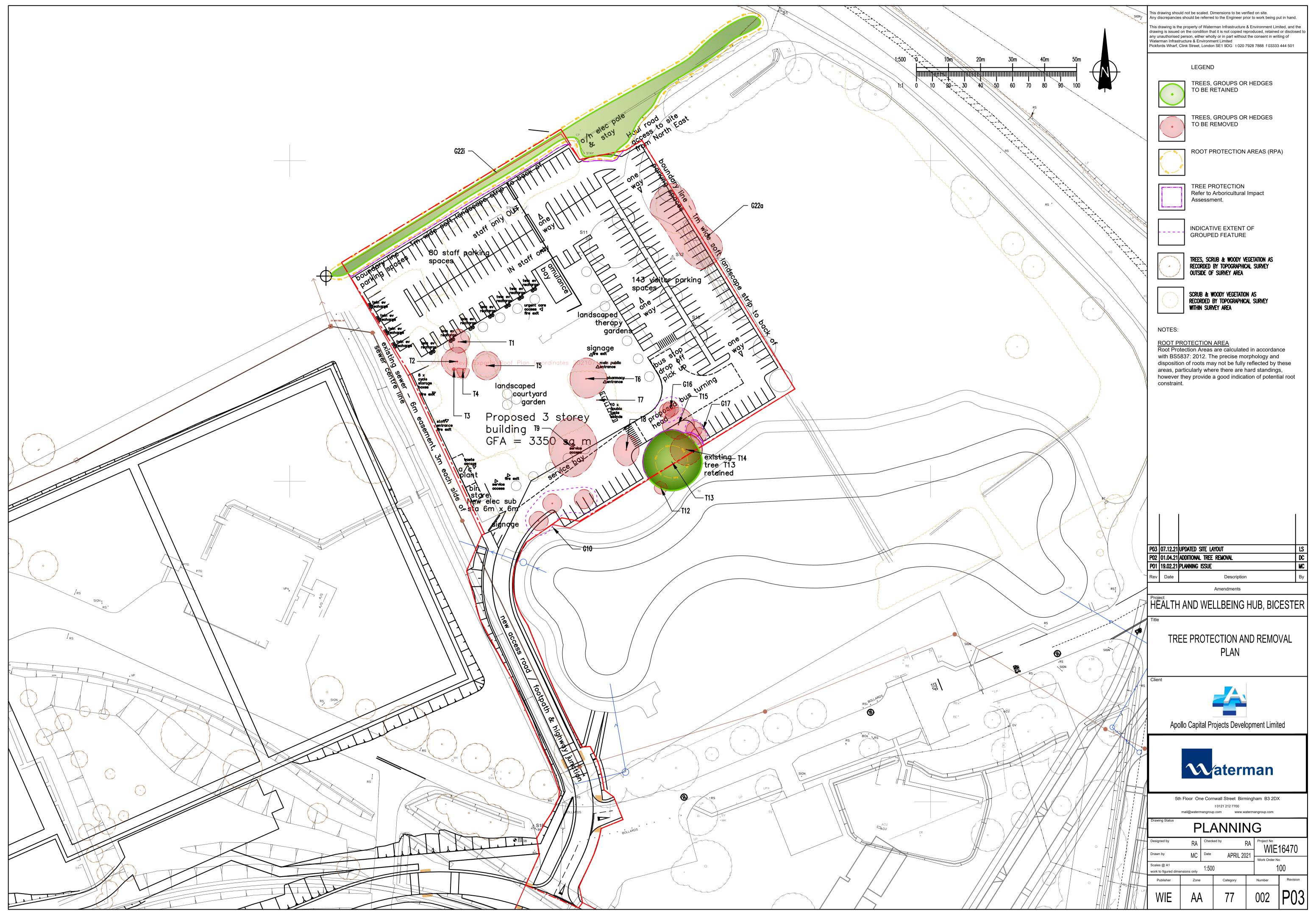
3. Conclusion

As indicated on the masterplan included in Appendix B, T13 is to be retained on site and further measures have been included to ensure appropriate protection for this retained tree.

T14 is to be removed as indicated on the tree removal plan included in Appendix A.



Appendix A – Drawing 16470-AA-77-002 P03 Tree Protection & Removal Plan





Appendix B – Drawing IBI-XX-XX-PL-A-100-004 Rev 17 Proposed Site Masterplan

