LANDARB SOLUTIONS

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Arboricultural Statement to accompany TPO application for tree works

Location: Camp Road, Opposite the Dow Street Junction, RAF Upper Heyford

Purpose of TPO application and background

As part of a s278 highway improvement works along Camp Road, several street lights have been replaced.

One of the replacement street light NC30 (See Appendix 3) is adjacent to a large mature beech tree, T121 (See Appendix 1).

Small branches, twigs and leaves completely surround the head of the street lamp and space between the lamp and footpath below. Branches, twigs and foliage immediately around the street light column head (NC30) and space below it need to be removed as they are currently blocking the light.

The street lamp is a new replacement light that has been installed following removal of the previous lighting column at the same location.

A s211 notice of intent to prune T121 was submitted in November 2022 (22/03356/TCA). Due to the ambiguity with the notification as to the extent of pruning that might be undertaken the Council resolved to protect the tree along with others along Camp Road under Area TPO 33/2022.

Proposed trees works to T121

T121 Beech – Proposals are for selective branch removal and pruning to remove small branches, twigs and foliage from directly beneath and in front (road side) of the lighting column and head, and ensure no branches are in contact with the lighting column with a 1m clearance.

As shown in site photos in Appendix 2, there are no large limbs growing out under the lighting column that would need to be removed. Instead there are several smaller branches.

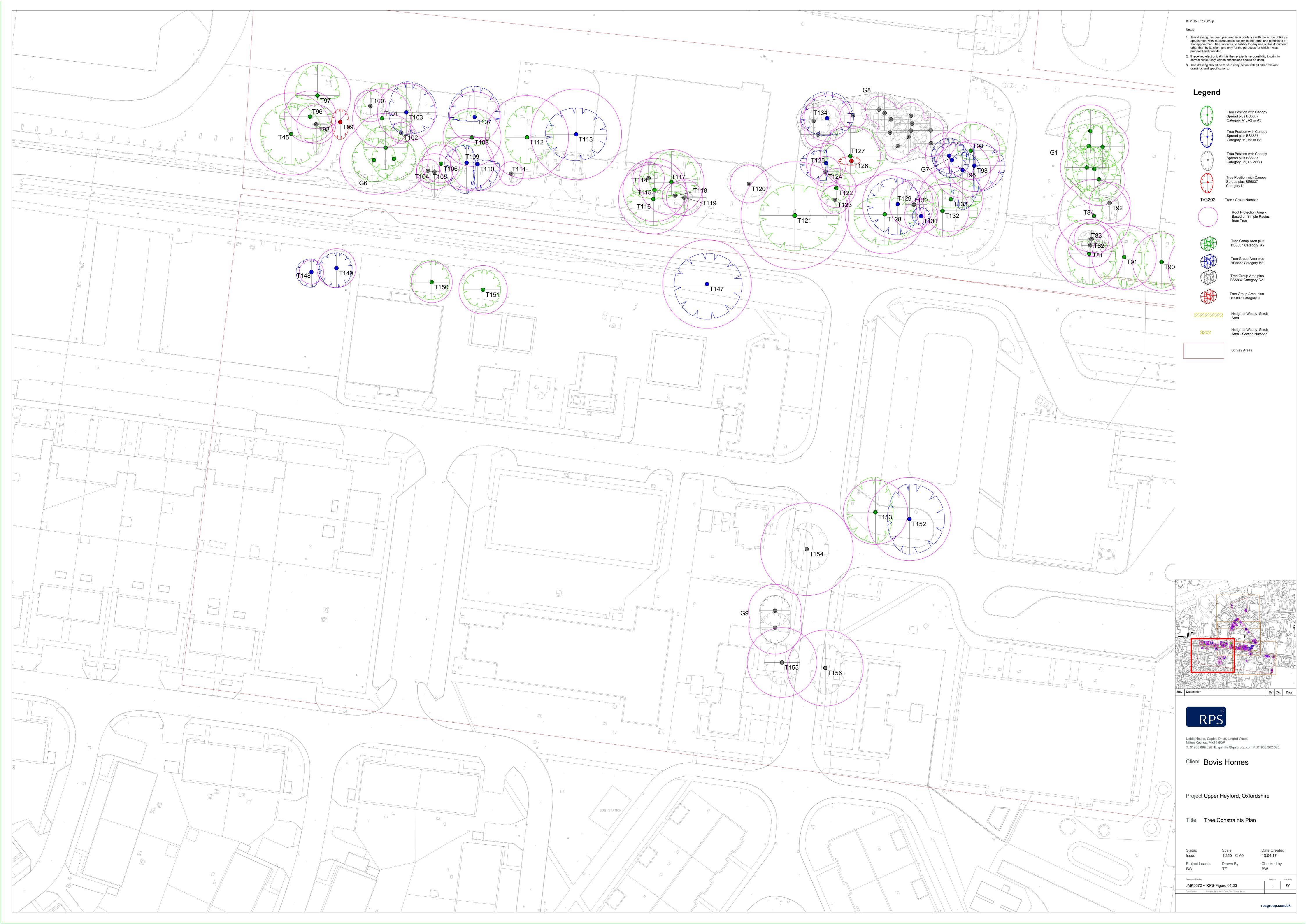
It is proposed to:

- Selectively remove back to the stem some of the smaller branches that have foliage attached direct beneath and to the front of the lighting column. Removing branches back to the man stem would only occur to branches where removal of the foliage immediately below the lamp would effectively leave a branch stub void of any foliage.
- Selectively remove/prune smaller secondary and tertiary branch growth back to main branch limb or larger secondary branches where smaller growth is beneath or in front of the lamp head

- Prune or remove twigs and foliage from immediately adjacent the lamp head and beneath to ensure at least 1m clearance. The excludes any main limbs or branches over 100mm.
- Photos in Appendix 2 shows branches proposed to be removed/pruned crossed with a yellow line.

In Appendix 4 are Google Street view screen shots showing that a street lamp has been in place by T121 since 2011 (and before) and is not a new addition but a replacement.

Appendix 1: Tree Location Plan



Appendix 2: Photos:



Photo 1: View looking north at T121. Proposed to remove foliage below street lamp to allow light to illuminate the path beneath.



Photo 2:



Photo 3:

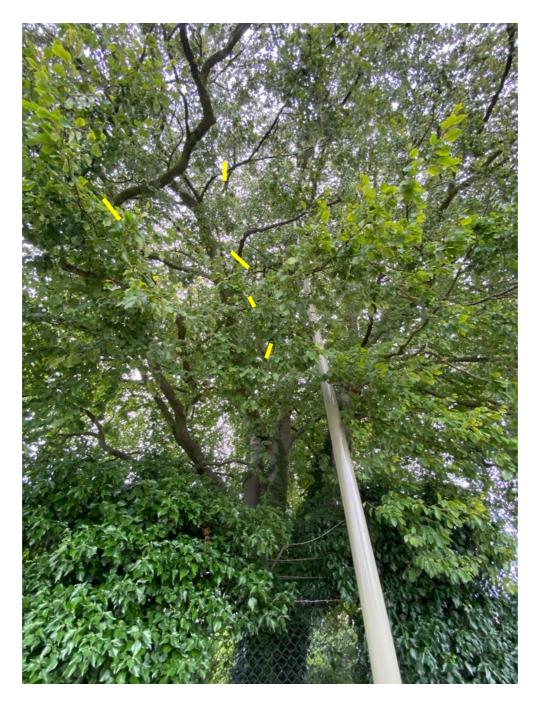


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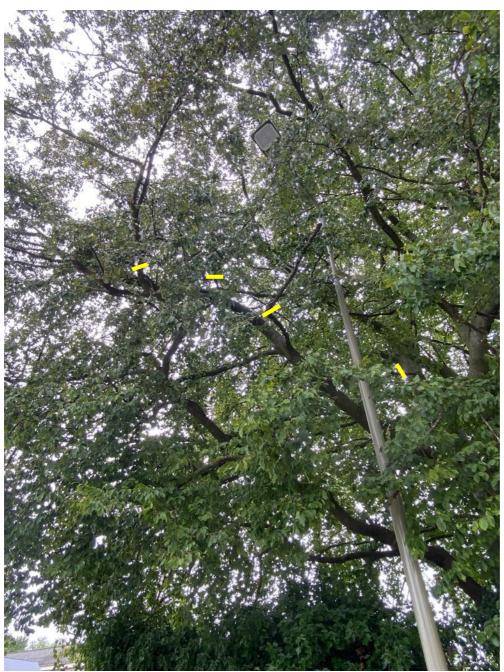


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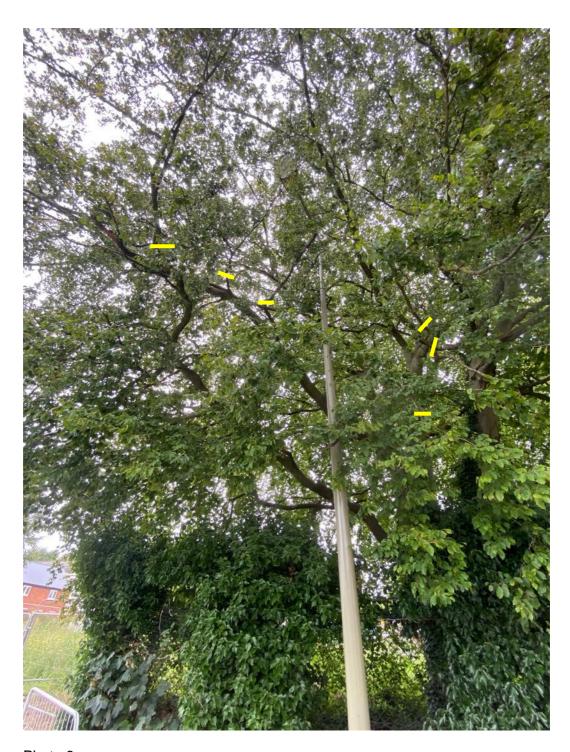


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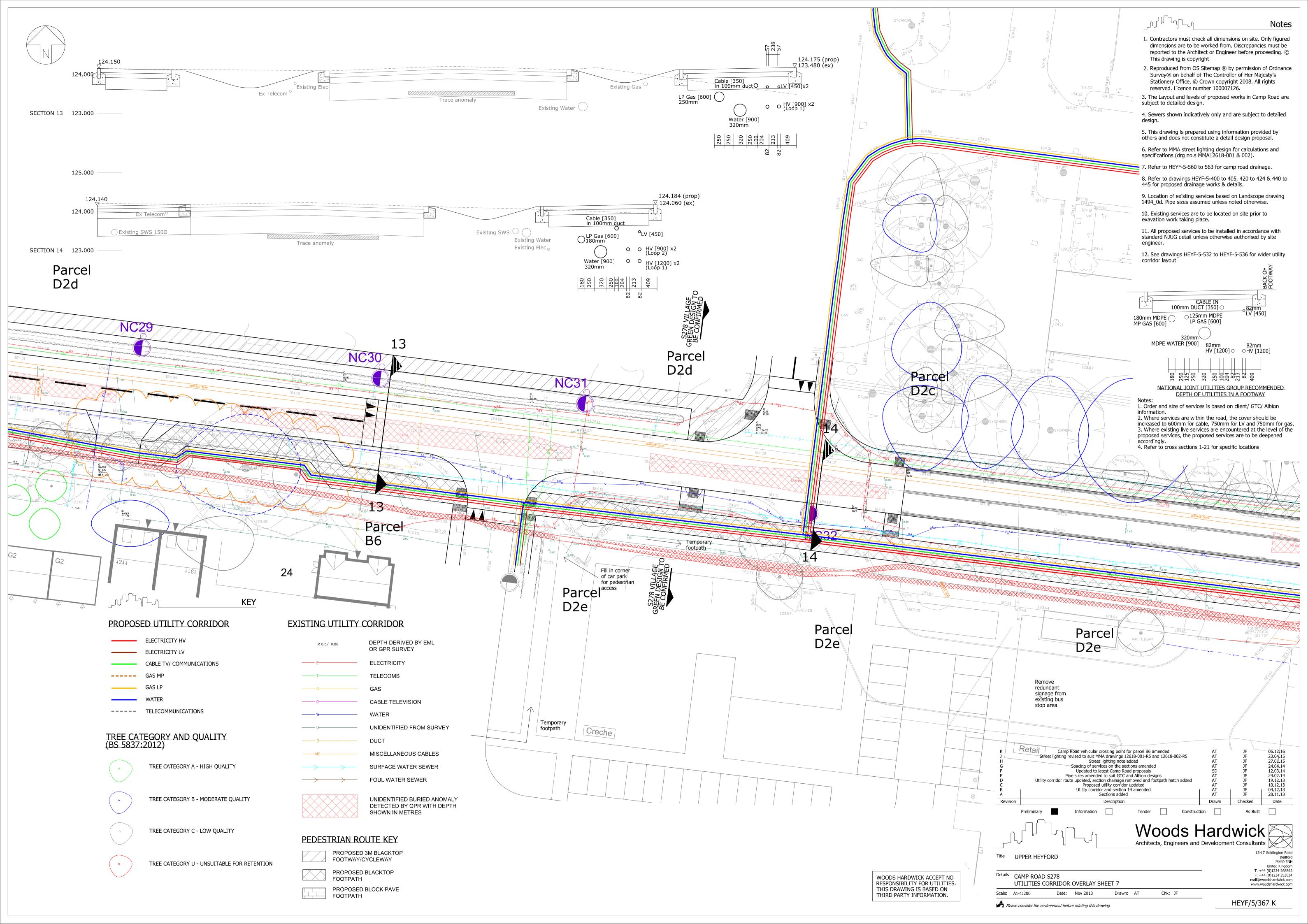


Photo 7:



Photo 8:

Appendix 3: Utility Corridor Sheet 7



Appendix 4: Street View Screenshot



Fig1: Google Street view March 2011 shows street lamp by T121.

