

Project: Coldharbour Road, Gravesend

B24030-TLP-03: Arboricultural Site Visit Record

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Introduction

- 1.1 The Landscape Partnership has been commissioned by Simply UK to provide information in the form of an auditable system of arboricultural site visits for the approved development at Coldharbour Road, Gravesend (*Application: 20221251*). The information is required by Gravesham Borough Council in order to satisfy Conditions 5, 26, and 27 of the approved planning application. The site meeting was conducted with Eli Ripley (Senior Site Manager) of Simply UK on 1st May 2025.
- 1.2 Revision B of the AIA AMS Report (i.e., *B24030-TLP-AIA AMS Report, Coldharbour Road, Gravesend (Rev.B, April 2025)*) is thought to have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for consideration or approval on 29th April 2025.

Tree Protection

- 1.3 **Protective tree barriers:** site hoarding and Heras panel fencing largely remain in-situ as per the pre-commencement site meeting. The temporary site office has been moved to the north-eastern part of the site away from trees T01 and T02. Figures 1 and 2 below show that mesh-panel protective tree barriers are in position along the inside edge of the former curb line where the former car parking surface has been removed.
- 1.4 **Demolition of existing car park surfaces:** during a site visit in October 2024 to update tree survey data it was noted that the car park surface in relation to T01 and T02 had been demolished. Site levels seen in Figure 1 (May 2025) can be seen to be lower than the adjacent soft landscape associated with the RPA of T01 and retained curb line. The ground appears compacted, as one would expect beneath existing made ground and hard surface, with no roots visibly present. Root investigation by means of excavation was not carried out, however, the extent of rooting from T01 into the site appears to be restricted by the existing made ground and hard surfacing.



Figure 1. Area between T01 and ongoing construction works.



Figure 2. Canopy clearance between T01 and scaffolding.

- 1.5 **Temporary ground protection:** the scaffolding mat (foundations) have been installed atop compacted aggregate; however, this is largely outside of RPAs. In areas where there was encroachment into RPAs temporary ground protection has not been utilised. Temporary ground protection was not installed in the area between the protective tree barriers and scaffolding as seen in Figures 1 and 2, as set out in the AIA AMS Report and Drawings.

Recommendations

- 1.6 During the site visit and as part of other communications the following items were discussed:
- Arboricultural monitoring is required during the installation of the 'no-dig' hard surface.
 - Additional tree removal shall only commence following LPA approval.
 - Protective tree barriers need to be adjusted, and the use of temporary ground protection implemented (where necessary).
 - Drainage runs and below ground services need to avoid RPAs.