

Project: Coldharbour Road, Gravesend

B24030-TLP-04: 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. A site walkover was carried out following by a meeting with Craig Greig (Head of Operations) of Simply UK on 13th February 2026.
- 1.2 Revision B of the AIA AMS Report (i.e., *B24030-TLP-AIA AMS Report, Coldharbour Road, Gravesend (Rev.B, April 2025)*) forms the approved arboricultural report and tree protection details for the scheme.

Tree Protection

- 1.3 **Protective tree barriers:** construction works have been completed on site and protective tree barriers, and site hoarding, have been removed. Ongoing landscape works have largely been completed around the site. As discussed on site, the former bell mouth road entrance is due to be altered or removed whilst realigning the curb line. Protective tree barriers should be implemented as part of these works to prevent unwanted access to the soft landscape area within the RPA of T01.
- 1.4 **No-dig hard surface – footpath in relation to T01 and T02:** an arboricultural site visit with the monitoring of 'no-dig' hard surface installation did not take place. Figure 1 shows the area of footpath adjacent to T01 and T02 containing a drainage cover / service run. Figure 2 shows concrete sub-base / haunching along the edge of the footpath. Following the site meeting Craig Greig confirmed via email that the footpath had been excavated (i.e., not built using 'no-dig' principles or a cellular confinement system).
- 1.5 As highlighted in previous arboricultural site visit reports the retained curb line and former car park surface and made ground is thought to have restricted root growth from T01 into the site. Thus, impacts to the tree could remain low if only a small number of tree roots were affected.
- 1.6 **Careful installation of fence posts:** Figure 3 shows the location of the boundary fence in relation to T01 and T02. The location varies from the landscape design layout used to form the AIA AMS Report and Drawings. The proposed boundary treatment / fence line was shown curving radially around T01 just inside the canopy dripline but it has been installed along the retained curb.
- 1.7 Figures 3 and 4 also show where ground disturbance around the base of T02 has formed slightly increased levels around the base of the tree. Minor root damage was also noted in relation to the fence post foundation installed closest to T02.



Figure 1. Footpath between T01 and T02 and the new building.



Figure 2. Footpath concrete sub-base or haunching.



Figure 3. New fence post adjacent to T02 with evidence of root severance.



Figure 4. Ground disturbance around T02 with a small amount of soil heaped up against the tree's stem.

Tree Works

1.8 **Tree removal:** T03, T05, T06, G02, G04, G05, T09, and T10 have been removed as specified in the AIA AMS Report (Revision B).

Summary

1.9 Summary of findings:

- Construction works have been completed on site. The former site access bell mouth external to the site is to be removed / altered. It is recommended that protective tree barriers are installed along the edge of the soft landscape area around T01 and it's RPA prior to commencement of these works.
- Arboricultural monitoring did not take place during the installation of the 'no-dig' hard surfacing. The footpath was constructed using standard techniques with excavation.

- Despite the lack of 'no-dig' hard surfacing, it is thought that the former car park surface and retained curb line between T01 and the newly installed footpath may have restricted root growth resulting in low or reduced impacts to tree health.
- Fence post installation and level changes have result in root damage to T02. Fence post foundation installation may have also resulted in limited roots loss to T01.
- Ground disturbance within the RPA of T02 appears to have slightly increased levels including a minor amount of soil build up at the base of the tree. It is recommended that the soil in this area is carefully removed back to existing levels.
- Tree removal in accordance with the approved AIA AMS Report is complete.
- Ongoing landscape works have largely been completed on site.