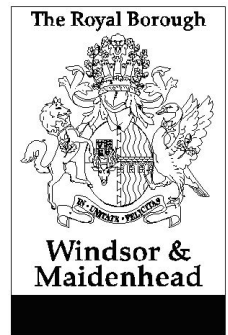


Development & Regeneration

MEMORANDUM



Tree Team

To: David Thompson **Date:** 17 October 2016
From: Alan Brier
Location: 15 Boyn Hill Avenue, Maidenhead, SL6 4EY.
Type: Tree inspection

COMMENTS

The purpose of this report is to provide advice, identify obvious structural and physiological defects (from ground level only) and make, if necessary, recommendations for further investigations and/or tree work in accordance with the current British Standard 3998 Tree Work – Recommendations and industry best practice.

The site contains a large number of mature trees growing on the southern, eastern and western boundaries.

The trees on the eastern boundary with Lower Boyndon Road are a mix of maples, lime, beech and yew and that due to their location and size are prominent features in the street scene, softening the built form and making a significant contribution to the appearance of the local area. The loss of these trees through direct removal, inappropriate pruning and/or development activity would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the area. These trees would be suitable for inclusion in a tree preservation order and will need to be retained and protected as part of any development that is undertaken on this site.

The following arboricultural information (in accord with table B1 'Delivery of tree-related information into the planning system' from the current BS5837: 2012 trees in relation to design, demolition and construction) will be required to support the any planning application that could impact the trees on this site.

- Tree survey
- Tree retention/removal plan (finalised)
- Retained trees and RPAs shown on proposed layout
- Arboricultural impact assessment
- Existing and proposed finished levels
- Tree protection plan

- Arboricultural method statement– heads of terms
- Details for all special engineering within the RPA and other relevant construction details

At the time of my site visit the majority of the trees growing on the site appeared to be in a reasonable condition. However I noted evidence of decay around the base of the Robinia (T1). Due to the extent of the decay I would recommend that this tree be removed as soon as possible in the interest of safety.

No secondary investigation(s) with internal decay detection equipment and further inspection(s), to assess the tree(s) root system beneath ground level (i.e. below the trees root collar) were carried out.

No assessment has been made in respect of the likelihood of direct/indirect damage to property or the ingress of roots into underground services. These issues are beyond the scope of advice.

TREE NUMBER	SPECIES	NOTES	WORK
G1	Mixed group including 2 yew, 7 maple, 1 beech, 1lime and 1holly.	Minor dead wood, low branches overhanging and partly obstructing the footpath in Lower Boyndon Road	Crown lift to a height of 3m over the pavement in Lower Boyndon Road
T1	Robinia	Deadwood and dieback in canopy. Evidence of major decay at base of stem.	Fell to ground level and replace.
T2	Pine	Twin stemmed from a height of approximately 4m	No works.
T3	Copper beech	Growing within the group G1.	Tip reduce branches growing closest to building to give a clearance of 1-1.5m from the building.
G2	Group of 5 maple and 2 yew and 1 holly.	No major defects visible at time of inspection.	No works.
T4	Thorn	Leaning and previously reduced tree.	No works at this time but consider removal and replacement as part of any future works on the site
T5	Silver birch	Semi mature birch	No works.

If you have any further enquires regarding this matter, please do no hesitate to contact me

Alan Brier
Arboricultural Officer