

## TREE STATEMENT

### Extension of existing Store

at

*Driftwood, High Street, Emsworth*

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### Context

In the rear courtyard, Driftwood has 1no. large Magnolia tree. The tree is regularly maintained by Michael Reed & Co to provide shade for customers throughout the summer months.

### The Works

The works seek to extend the existing lightweight store and sympathetically improve its visual appearance. The extension is to be used as a storeroom only and will not be used for any habitable purposes.

The works have been designed to require minimal ground excavation to ensure there is minimal impact on any tree roots. A single post, in the corner facing the courtyard, will support a timber clad screen. No significant excavations will be required, and trench foundations are not proposed.

To minimise any impact the following will be adopted:

- A protective fence will be installed around the trunk of all trees throughout the works.
- No machinery is to be used to excavate the ground at any point.
- Excavation for the single post will be hand dug, avoiding damage to any tree roots.
- The dimensions of any excavations are to be kept to a minimum.
- Any exposed [significant] roots are to be protected by keeping them damp.
- In the event there are a significant number of significant roots exposed, the position of the post will be reviewed.

To minimise any impact the following design approaches are to be adopted:

- A single post in the corner facing the courtyard will support new timber clad screens.
- The screens will be fixed back to the existing structure and boundary wall to avoid additional excavation works.