

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

**Background:** LSDP were appointed to prepare an Arboricultural Survey & Report to satisfy Local Authority requirements relating to the proposed conversion of two existing outbuildings and the erection of a link-building between, at The Old Rectory, Somerton. The report is based on survey information collected in August 2021.

**The Site:** The site comprises part of an existing lawned garden area, that is bordered to the north by an unsurfaced track. The track accesses the public highway to the west, connecting to agricultural land to the east; where it passes the site, it is bordered on both sides by Portugal laurel hedges, with access points to the existing barn and parking / storage area to the north and the existing garden area and outbuildings to the south. A public footpath route runs along the northern edge of the track.

2. TREE SURVEY

**Generally:** The proposed building will be located within an enclosed lawn area, the nearest trees and their RPA's are located outside of the area affected by the construction and therefore, with respect to BS5837: 2012, only salient survey information was collected; i.e. tree species, retention category, stem diameter and approximate crown spread.

To the west of the site, the property curtilage is bordered by a mixed native species hedgerow running between the existing outbuilding and the public highway. This section of hedgerow contains a mature ash, a field maple and two sycamore. The hedgerow is managed and faced up behind a grass verge alongside the highway; the canopies of the four trees overhang the highway and building.

To the north of the existing highway access, the hedgerow is unmanaged and has bolted to form a linear group of multi-stem field maple. To the north of the public footpath is an early-mature copper beech tree, located adjacent to a barn, on the edge of an area surfaced with crushed aggregate. The area is used for parking storage.

To the east and south, the existing garden is bisected by a group of mature trees; predominantly sycamore, with occasional ash. A small yew is located on the edge of the group, just beyond the enclosed lawn area containing the site.

None of the trees are of any special individual merit, however they collectively contribute to the mature rural surroundings and are therefore recorded as 'B3' category (moderate landscape value).

3. ARBORICULTURAL IMPLICATIONS & IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Generally:** The site of the proposed building is an existing lawned area, contained by buildings, fence and hedge and the proposed construction does not affect any Root Protection Areas located outside of this area. Care will be taken to avoid unnecessary disturbance of the existing lawned area beyond the proposed building footprint.

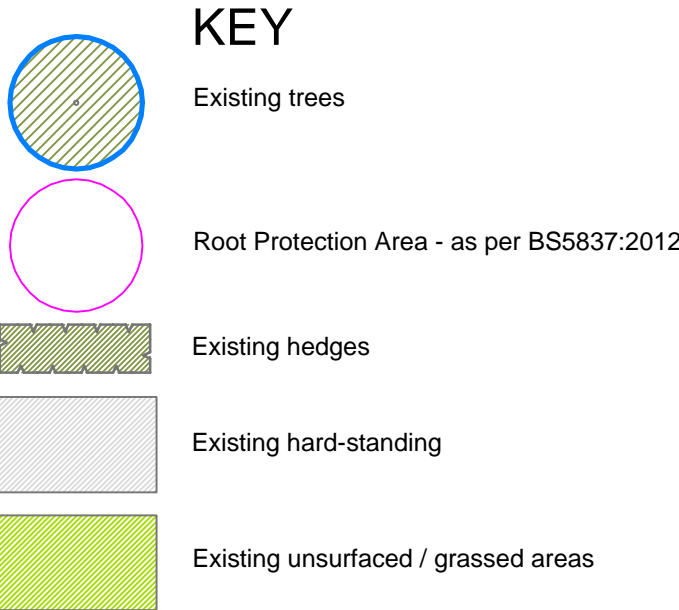
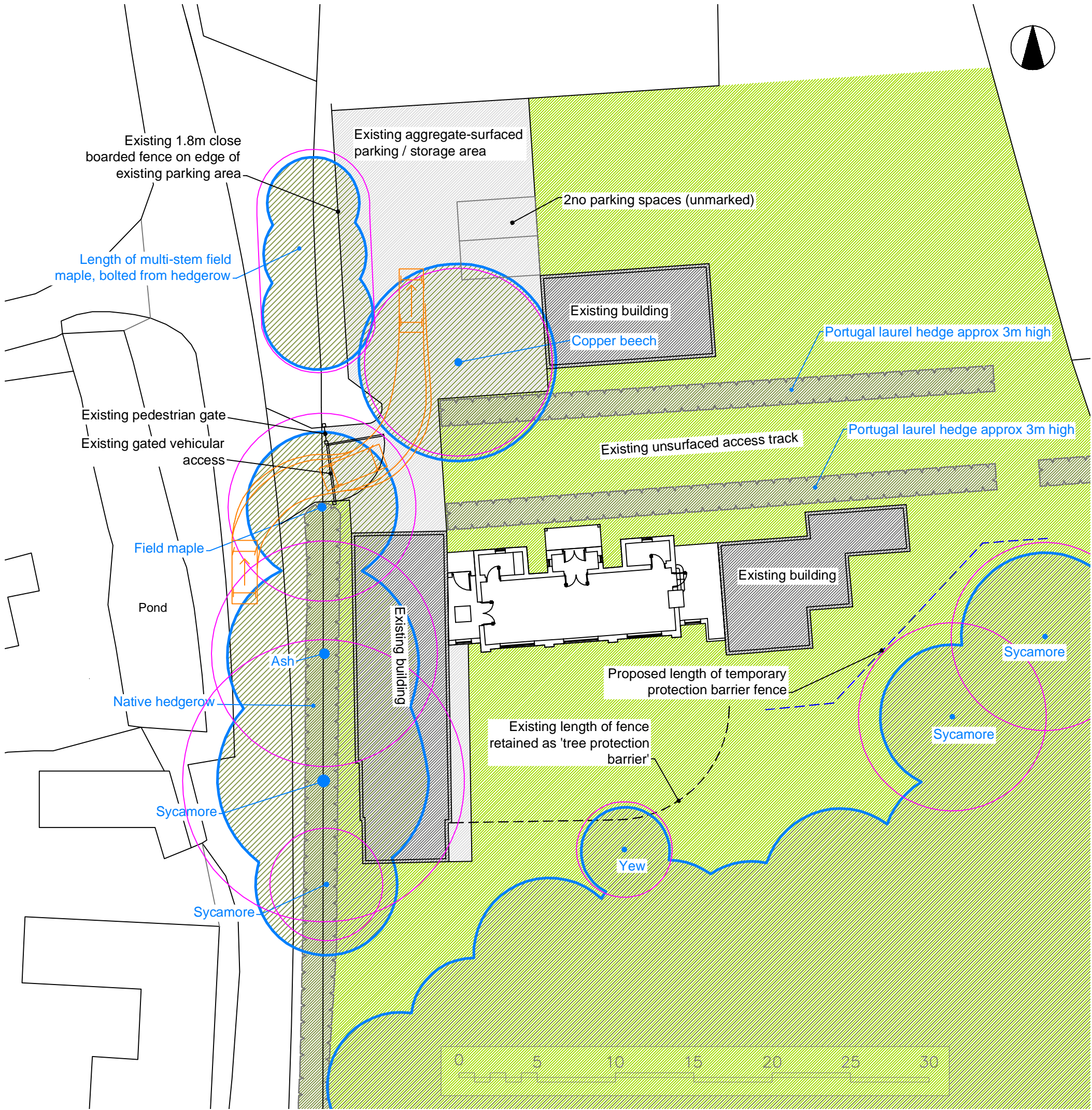
The length of existing fence indicated on the drawing will be retained during the construction period, to protect the RPAs of adjacent trees and a proposed length of temporary fencing is shown to accommodate a route for construction access via the existing tack to the north.

4. TREE PROTECTION

**Generally:** Before any machinery or materials are brought onto site and before any demolition, development or stripping of soil commences, the existing fence to the south of the site, shall be modified / extended as shown on the drawing and be retained until construction work is complete.

The Root Protection Areas (RPAs) indicated on the drawing shall be set out and be subject to the following restrictions:

- I. Existing soil levels within the protection areas shall not be altered
- II. No excavation of any kind shall take place within the protection areas.
- III. The protection areas shall not be used for storage of any kind
- IV. Should the developer require the above restrictions to be breached for unforeseen reasons, an appropriate method of works must be agreed with the Local Authority prior to any works taking place within RPAs.



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