

Arboricultural Assessment

for

**4 Bay Willow Drive
Redland
Bristol BS6 6TU**

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1.0 Date of survey

1.1 March 2020

2.0 Surveyor

2.1 Tim Pursey

3.0 Instructions

3.1 As a result of a planning application, I am instructed to undertake an arboricultural assessment and to prepare a report assessing the impact that the proposed development will have on trees growing at the site.

3.2 The report includes:

- An indication of the constraints placed on the design by the trees on site
- A schedule indicating the tree survey results
- A tree constraints plan – drawing TP 2609/2003/TCP appended
- A tree protection plan – drawing TP 2609/2003/TPP appended

4.0 Report limitations

4.1 All inspections were made from ground level, using binoculars where necessary. Should a more detailed inspection, by climbing or by elevated platform, be required then this will be highlighted within the survey recommendations.

4.2 I understand from my instructions that Poplar T1 is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. As such, any works to the tree can only be carried out with the permission of Bristol City Council.

4.3 Trees are living, dynamic organisms. Their health and overall condition changes as the trees grow and can be affected by external conditions. For this reason the condition survey and any recommendations given are valid for a period not exceeding one calendar year from the date of issue of this report.

5.0 Proposals

- 5.1 It is proposed to construct a new extension to 4 Bay Willow Drive into the existing driveway space.
- 5.2 No trees are proposed to be removed to facilitate works.

6.0 Tree survey

- 6.1 See schedule of tree survey results.

7.0 Assessment of Impact

- 7.1 The rooting system of Poplar T1 occupies part of the subject garden as well as part of an adjacent garden.
- 7.2 The proposals to construct an extension will involve works which will occupy some 2m² of the total root protection area. This is insignificant and the tree will be unaffected by the proposal.
- 7.3 It is important, however, that the remainder of the RPA is adequately protected to avoid root damage. This is fairly easily achieved through the use of protective fencing and the retained patio acting as ground protection. The existing patio may be covered with appropriate boards to prevent damage to the surface.
- 7.4 Provided simple protective measures are employed, no damage to the tree should arise.

8.0 Method Statement to Mitigate Impact

8.1 Tree Works

No tree works are proposed.

8.2 Protective Fencing

The retained tree will be protected from the impact of construction by a small amount of protective fencing to be erected in accordance with BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.

- 8.3 This fencing is designed to protect all parts of the tree, both above and below ground. It will be erected using Heras panels erected in a conventional fashion with supporting feet pinned to the ground to prevent movement. It is particularly important that the fencing be completely rigid and immobile.

- 8.4 The fence will be erected in the positions shown on the attached plan, TP 2609/2003/TPP and will be erected to protect tree T1 before any work commences. The protective fencing will remain in situ until all construction works are completed.
- 8.5 The protective fencing will be clearly marked indicating its purpose to all persons on site. Signs will be minimum A3 in size and will clearly state that the protective fencing will not be moved under any circumstances. The protected area behind the fencing will be considered sacrosanct and no entry into this area will be permitted for *any* reason except to maintain the protective fencing. No excavation is permitted, no changes in ground level, no plant will track across this area at any time, and no storage of any materials within this area will be permitted.
- 8.6 **Ground protection**
The existing patio surface will provide adequate ground protection. The surface may be covered with boards etc to protect the existing surface if desired.
- 8.7 **Ground Levels**
Ground levels within the rooting area of any retained tree will remain unaltered unless otherwise specified by the project arboriculturist.
- 8.8 **General**
No storage or mixing of cement/concrete will be permitted anywhere within 10 metres of any retained tree. Account will be taken of any slopes in order to avoid the possibility of cement washings running into the rooting areas of retained trees.
- 8.9 Oil, bitumen or other material likely to be injurious to a tree should not be stacked or discharged within 10 metres of the trunk. Materials generally should not be stacked or discharged within 5 metres of the trunks.
- 8.10 **Arboricultural Supervision**
A pre-commencement meeting will be held between the project arboriculturist, site manager and possibly the local tree officer. The purpose of such a meeting will be to ensure that protective measures are properly installed and that contractors are fully aware of the need to comply with the contents of this document.
- 8.11 It is particularly important that this meeting take place prior to works commencing on site.

21 March 2020
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Tree Survey

Key:

- Height: Estimated in metres.
- Stem diameter: Measured at 1.5m above ground level.
- Branch spread: Estimated in metres at four cardinal points.
- Height of crown
Clearance: Height in metres (estimated) above adjacent ground level to inform on ground clearance, crown stem ratio and shading.
- Age class: Young tree in first third of its life expectancy
Middle age tree
Mature trees
Over Mature
Veteran
- Category grading: **A/B/C/U** – In accordance with BS 5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*.
- Category A – High Quality
Category B – moderate quality
Category C- low quality
Category U – trees for removal
- All surveys and inspections made from ground level unless otherwise stated.

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Tree No.	Species	Height (m)	Stem Dia.(mm)	Crown Radius (m)				Crown Ht. (m)	Age Class	Remaining Contribution	Structural and Physiological Condition	Preliminary Management Recommendations	Retention Category
				N	E	S	W						
T1	Grey Poplar	15	930	5.5		8	7	3	Mat	20-40	Large tree growing within private garden. Previous reduction works evident. Normal condition	None	B1 B2

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Existing driveway

Existing dwelling

Existing patio

T1

Approx canopy edge

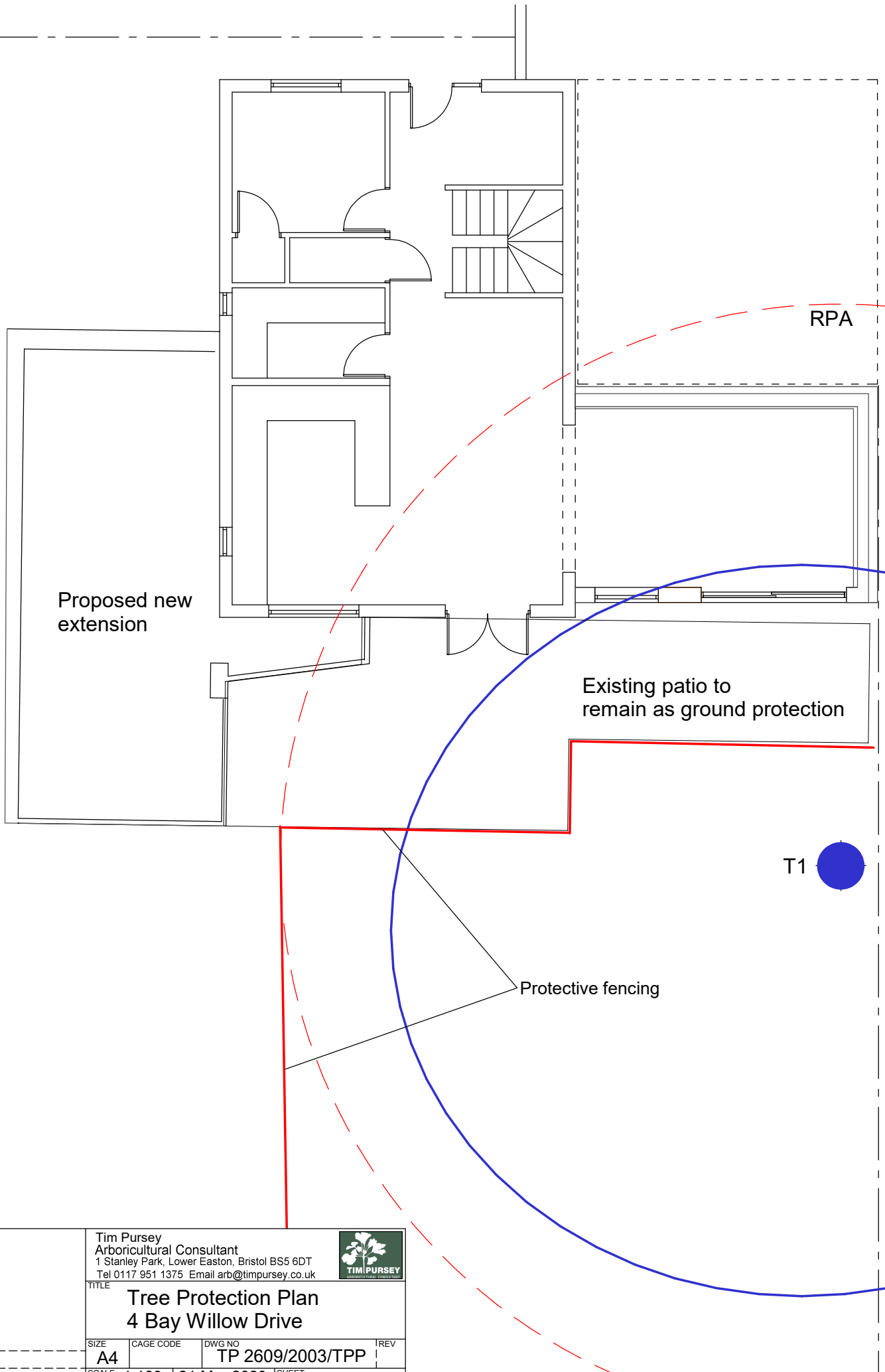
Theoretical root protection area

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TITLE
**Tree Constraints Plan
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SIZE A4	CAGE CODE	DWG NO TP 2609/2003/TCP	REV
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Proposed new extension

RPA

Existing patio to remain as ground protection

T1

Protective fencing



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