

# **Arboricultural Impact Assessment**and Tree Protection Plan

for trees at

# Dolphin Square Project Future



On behalf of

# **The Dolphin Square Ltd**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This arboricultural impact assessment report supports a planning application, submitted by Dolphin Square Ltd, for the restoration and re-landscaping of the gardens at Dolphin Square in London.

Arboricultural advice was taken early in the planning process with the aim of incorporating the best trees on the site. The garden restoration works will require 72 trees to be removed, including two B-grade trees, 68 C-grade trees and two trees in poor condition (category U trees). Although 11 of the trees to be removed are to be saved and relocated in another part of the garden. The trees that are scheduled for removal are mostly small-growing trees, palms and shrubs; the new landscape design retains all of the larger specimen trees. Nevertheless, the loss of these trees will be compensated by new tree planting that has been designed to complement the new site layout. These new trees will also provide age and species diversity to enhance the resilience of the existing tree canopy cover.

To avoid soil compaction, vehicle use by construction traffic must only be permitted on areas that are currently paved.

For this project I do not consider the use of temporary tree protection fencing will be appropriate because I do not expect there to be new building foundations or underground services to be installed. Also, the use of construction vehicles will be restricted for use only on the existing network of paths and hard surfacing.

Supervision by a suitably qualified arboriculturist will be required in the event of any unforeseen construction activity within the root protection area of retained trees at or near the development site. It is advised to inform the project arboriculturist and the local authority's arboricultural officer of necessary works near trees as soon as they become apparent.

This report also includes further advice on the protection of trees during construction works. The site manager must be made aware of the tree protection requirements at the site. They must be given a copy of this report and impart the information herein to all construction staff.



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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Background

Dolphin Square Ltd proposes a new development at Dolphin Square in London (SW1V 3LX). This land is hereafter referred to as the 'site'. Project Future will involve numerous building restoration operations and the re-landscaping of the communal gardens; these proposals are hereafter referred to as the 'proposed development'.

The following documents have been reviewed to inform this report:

 General Arrangement Plan - Sally Prothero Landscape Architecture - Drawing numbers 035\_300 Series GA-A1\_310 to 035\_300 Series GA-A1\_318

An initial tree constraints plan was produced in September 2021 and this has informed the layout of the proposed site layout.

A check of the Westminster Council online mapping system confirms that the site is within the Dolphin Square conservation area.

# 1.2 The assignment

Instructed by Dolphin Square Ltd, Bosky Trees conducted a site visit, surveyed the trees that might be affected by the proposed development and specified suitable tree protection measures in the event of a successful planning application. The information compiled in this report is in accordance with the British Standard *BS5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations.*<sup>1</sup>

This report includes the following to accompany a planning application for the proposed development:

- A tree survey plan based on the topographical survey provided, with any additional tree(s) indicatively plotted
- An arboricultural impact assessment of the proposed development, identifying trees that will be lost, as well as trees that can be retained and protected during development works
- A tree protection plan, including information on the location of tree protection fencing and ground protection measures
- Recommendations for remedial works for retained trees to be undertaken before site clearance and construction
- Method statements for works near trees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> British Standards Institution (2012). *BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*. BSI: London.



#### 1.3 Limitations

The assessment and works recommendations relate to conditions found at the time of inspection. Any significant alteration to the site that may affect present trees, or have implications for planning (including level changes, hydrological changes, storms, extreme climatic events or site works) will necessitate re-assessment of the trees.

Note that this survey is not a tree safety inspection; it has been carried out to inform the planning process. Where clear and obvious hazards have been observed, these have been addressed in the works recommendations. A full assessment of the risks posed by trees would be informed by consideration of site use together with hazards present within a tree. Changes in site use are likely to occur during, and result from, the proposed development. Given these factors, regular tree risk assessments are advised.

This report does not consider tree-related building subsidence. If shrinkable clay soils are present on site, then guidance given in the National House Building Council (NHBC) Standards, chapter 4.2<sup>2</sup> should be used to avert the risk of future subsidence of new buildings.

No detailed assessment of the potential conflict between future Site use and the shade cast by trees has been undertaken within this report.

#### 2 TREE SURVEY INFORMATION

#### 2.1 Details of the site visit

Ben Rose of Bosky Trees visited the site and carried out tree surveys on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. The survey was not constrained by weather conditions and considered all trees on and around the site.

The site is a large private residential building with parking and leisure facilities. A central courtyard is occupied by a variety of trees and shrubs which largely consist of horse chestnut, olive and palm.

#### 2.2 Data collection

Trees, tree groups and hedgerows were allocated a unique identifying number, used throughout this report. ID numbers are listed in the tree schedule and are used on the tree plans.

Trees were inspected at ground level using the visual tree assessment method.<sup>3</sup> As described in table 1 of BS5837,<sup>4</sup> each tree was placed into one of four retention categories: A, B, C or U. Stem diameter was used to calculate the root protection area (RPA)<sup>5</sup> required by each tree during construction. Information on each tree and tree group is given in Appendix 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National House Building Council (2008). *NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 - Building near trees*. NHBC: Milton Keynes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mattheck, C. and Breloer, H. (1995). *The body language of trees: a handbook for failure analysis*. Research for Amenity Trees 4. HMSO: London.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> British Standards Institution (2012). *BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*. BSI: London.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The root protection area (RPA) is a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.



A total of 124 individual trees and two groups of trees were surveyed (see table 1).

Table 1: Summary of the retentive worth of trees and tree-groups included in the survey

BS5837 Category	Quality	Number of trees	Number of groups
Α	High	4	2
В	Moderate	20	0
С	Low	98	0
U	Very poor	2	0
	Total	124	2

# 2.3 The tree protection plans

The tree protection plans (TPP-1 and TPP-2) show the root protection areas required by each tree and identifies which trees are to be removed to enable the proposed development.

# 3 ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PROPOSED MITIGATION

#### 3.1 Trees for removal

72 individual trees must be removed to construct the proposed development but 11 of these will be re-located within the site. The removals include two category B trees and 68 category C trees.

The removal of two further trees is recommended, regardless of development proposals, because they are in poor condition and have less than 10 years useful life expectancy. These trees are considered to be category U, in accordance with guidance provided in table 1 of BS5837.

The trees that are scheduled for removal are mostly small-growing trees, palms and shrubs; the new landscape design retains all of the larger specimen trees. A table listing all the trees to be removed is provided in Appendix 2.

# 3.2 New tree planting

The loss of trees will be compensated by an extensive programme of new tree planting. A total of 30 new trees will be planted to compliment the new site layout. The proposed locations for these trees are shown on the planting plans produced by Sally Prothero Landscape Architecture that accompany this submission. The new trees will provide age and species diversity to enhance the resilience of existing tree canopy cover.

#### 3.3 Construction access

The building restoration works will require scaffolding to be installed within Dolphin Square Garden. The scaffolding itself will need to be delivered to site on heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). Soil compaction can occur quickly by vehicles passing over an area of soil. Compaction may cause reduced infiltration rates of water, poor drainage, reduced availability of water and reduced air and oxygen supply to roots. This leads to reduced root growth and, as a result, the health of the tree is affected. To avoid soil compaction, vehicle use must only be permitted on areas that are currently paved.



The scaffolding itself must be carefully installed to avoid damaging soft landscaped areas and above-ground conflicts with tree crowns. Care must be taken when planning site operations to ensure that wide or tall loads, or plants with booms, jibs and counterweights, can operate without coming into contact with retained trees. If necessary, branches may be tied out of the way.

If construction staff need pedestrian access over tree root protection areas ground protection will be required (the root protection areas required by the retained trees are shown on the tree protection plans). Direct ground protection can be provided by load spreading boards laid on top of a 5cm layer of woodchip mulch. Alternatively, a low-level walkway could be installed the scaffolding just above ground level.

#### 3.4 New service runs

Typical 'open trench' installation of underground services near trees is likely to sever roots; this will harm the tree's physiological condition, provide an opportunity for fungal infection, and could leave them prone to windthrow. Therefore, new underground services will be located and designed to avoid retained trees' root protection areas.

If any additional underground services are required it will be necessary for suitable members of the project team, including an arboricultural consultant, to design their routes. An appropriate specification and method statement are required for their installation and guidance provided in Volume 4 of the National Joint Utilities Guidelines (NJUG4)<sup>6</sup> must be followed.

## 3.5 Tree protection fencing

For this particular project I do not consider the use of temporary tree protection fencing will be appropriate because I do not expect there to be new building foundations or underground services to be installed. Also, the use of construction vehicles will be restricted for use only on the existing network of paths and hard surfacing.

## 3.6 General method statement for effective tree protection

Trees are vulnerable to root damage caused by ground disturbance, direct injury of the trunk or branches, environmental change, pests and diseases. Construction work often exerts pressures on existing trees. A tree that has taken many decades to reach maturity can be irreparably damaged in just a few minutes by unwitting or negligent actions. The site manager must be informed of the tree protection requirements at the site and the guidance in this report.

All construction staff should be made aware of the following restrictions applying to root protection areas of retained trees:

- 1) Excavation or raising of soil levels is prohibited within root protection areas without written permission from the project arboriculturist.
- 2) Site offices and staff welfare facilities must be located outside of root protection areas unless agreed with the local authority's arboricultural officer.
- 3) No materials of any kind should be stored within the root protection area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> National Joint Utilities Group (2007). *Guidelines for the planning, installation, and maintenance of utility apparatus in the proximity to trees.* Volume 4 (NJUG4). National Joint Utilities Group: Eastleigh.



- 4) No utility trenches should be routed through a root protection area without written permission from the local authority's arboricultural officer.
- 5) Care must be taken when planning site operations to ensure that wide or tall loads, or plants with booms, jibs and counterweights, can operate without coming into contact with retained trees. If necessary, branches may be tied out of the way.
- 6) Potential contaminants, such as fuel, oils and chemicals, must be stored on an impervious base within a bund able to contain at least 110% of the volume stored. Provision must also be made for any spillage or run-off to be contained away from the protected area.
- 7) Cement and concrete mixing must take place at least 10m from any trees, over a suitable hard surface to prevent soil contamination from spillage or washing out.
- 8) Avoid fires; however, if permitted by the site manager, they must not be lit where heat could affect foliage or branches (at least 15m from the base of a tree is normally sufficient).

#### 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 4.1 Tree work

All tree works necessary for the proposed development are listed in the schedule in Appendix 1.

All permitted and approved tree work must be undertaken in accordance with BS3998:2010 *Recommendations for tree work*,<sup>7</sup> ideally at the beginning of the construction phase, before protective fencing is erected. Only qualified and insured tree surgeons should be employed.

# 4.2 Legal restrictions to tree works

The *Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012*<sup>8</sup> and the accompanying *Guide to tree preservation procedures* make clear that it is an offence to deliberately destroy a tree subject to a tree preservation order, or to damage it in a manner that is likely to destroy it, without the permission of the local planning authority. To do so is punishable by an unlimited fine and a replacement tree would normally need to be planted. Trees standing within a conservation area protected in the same way as a tree protected by a tree preservation order.

If this report is submitted with a full planning application that is subsequently approved, any tree works listed in this report may be carried out before construction work begins without further permission from the local planning authority. However, since the trees are situated in a conservation area, any arboricultural works taking place before planning permission has been approved must be granted by application for tree works to the local planning authority. Similarly, permission will be required for any additional tree pruning works that are lot listed in Appendix 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> British Standards Institution (2010). BS3998 Recommendations for tree work. BSI: London.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Town and Country Planning, England. *The town and country planning (tree preservation) (England) regulations 2012*. Town and Country Planning, England: London. Available at: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/605/pdfs/uksi 20120605 en.pdf.



Works may be constrained between March and August because it is illegal to disturb an active bird's nest. Bat roosts are also protected, so tree works might be delayed if roosting bats are encountered. A tree surgeon or ecologist will advise on this matter.

# 4.3 Arboricultural supervision

Supervision by a suitably qualified arboriculturist is required if any unforeseen construction activity is to take place within the root protection area of any trees retained on or near the site. The project arboriculturist and the local authority's arboricultural officer should be informed of necessary works near trees as soon as they become apparent.

# Appendix 1 - Tree Schedule

**Site: Dolphin Square Gardens** 

Surveyor: Ben Rose

Date of Survey: 22nd April 2021



Area	Tree Number	Tree Species	Height (m)	Number of Stems	Stem Ø (cm)	N - Radius (m)	S - Radius (m)	E - Radius (m)	W - Radius (m)	1st Branch (m)	Age Class	Overall Health	ULE (Years)	Tree Structural Condition & Site Notes	Recommended Management	Category
W1		Cherry	6	1	15	4.5	3	3.5	1.5	3	EM	G	10+	square. Good overall condition. No obvious significant defects.	Crown lift to 4m over the pathway to facilitate site access.	C1
W1	T2	Cherry	6	1	17	4.5	3	4	4.5	4	EM	G	10+	Growing in a raised wooden frame approx. 0.8m tall and 1.2m square. Good overall condition. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
W1	Т3	Cherry	5	1	10	2	2.5	2	2	3.5	EM	G	10+	Growing in a raised wooden frame approx. 0.8m tall and 1.2m square. Good overall condition. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
W1	T4	Cherry	6	1	14	4	2.5	3	3.5	2	EM	G	10+	Growing in a raised wooden frame approx. 0.8m tall and 1.2m square. Good overall condition. No obvious significant defects. Branches growing close to adjacent windows.	No action required at present.	C1
W1	T5	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	9	1	16	2.5	2	2.5	2	2	М	G	40+	_	Fell to remove shading of nearby windows.	C1
W1	Т6	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	7	1	16	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	М	G	40+	_	Fell to remove shading of nearby windows.	C1
W1	Т7	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	8	1	17	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	М	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	<b>C1</b>
W1	Т8	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	6	1	12	2	2	2	1.5	2	М	G	40+	_	Fell to remove shading of nearby windows.	C1
W1	Т9	Sweet gum	18	1	27	3	2.5	3	2.5	2	М	G	40+	Raised surface roots with mower damage. Tall and narrow crown. Appropriate for this context.	No action required at present.	A1
W1	T10	Sweet gum	16	1	20	3	3	4	2.5	3	М	G	40+	, -	Crown lift by removing the two branches at 2.5m.	A1
NW	T11	Tibetan cherry	6	1	15	4.8	1.2	3	4.5	3	М	G	10+	Asymmetric crown, congested in the centre. Branches are touching the railings above.	Formatively prune.	C1
NW	T12	Indian bean tree	12	1	25	5.5	4	5	1.5	2	М	G	20+	Old trunk wounds up to 1.1m. Tree leans to east. Recent branch tear at 7m.	Prune out the torn branch.	В2
NW	T13	Apple cv	5	1	9	1.5	2	1	2	3	SM	G	20+	Small tree with no obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	<b>C1</b>

A key explaining each category is provided at the rear of the schedule

Area	Tree Number	Tree Species	Height (m)	Number of Stems	Stem Ø (cm)	N - Radius (m)	S - Radius (m)	E - Radius (m)	W - Radius (m)	1st Branch (m)	Age Class	Overall Health	ULE (Years)	Tree Structural Condition & Site Notes	Recommended Management	Category
NW	T14	False acacia	9	1	26	4	2	3.5	2	4	М	F	10+	Restricted root area. Stunted growth and branch dieback.	No action required at present.	C1
W2	T15	Cordyline palm	6	1	24	2	1	0.5	1	5	М	F	10+	No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W2	T16	Cordyline palm	6	1	15	3	0.5	2.5	1	4	М	F	10+	Secondary stem developing at base. Two small dead limbs. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W2	T17	Cordyline palm	7	1	16	3	0	3	0	5	М	F	10+	Trunk lean. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W2	T18	Cordyline palm	5	1	13	1	0.5	0.5	1	4	М	F	10+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
W2	T19	Cordyline palm	6	1	19	2	2	1	2	5	М	F	10+	No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
NW	T20	Apple cv	4	1	10	2.5	2.5	1.5	2	1	SM	G	20+	Small tree with no obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
NW	T21	Cherry	6	1	7	1	1.5	1.5	1	3	SM	Р	<10	Sparse foliage. Poor form. Little long-term future.	Remove and replace.	U
С	T22	Bull bay magnolia	7	1	18	2.5	3	3	3	2	EM	G	40+	This is an attractive tree in a prominent location. Low crown.	No action required at present.	A1
С	T23	Chinese magnolia	5	3	14	2	3.5	3.5	1	2	EM	G	40+	Slight lean away from the building. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
С	T24	Cordyline palm	5	1	18	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3	М	F	10+	Past crown retrenchment.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
С	T25	Black mulberry	7	3	30	3	3.5	3	3.5	1.5	М	G	40+	Two large wounds from poor pruning cuts on the trunk. Healthy and attractive crown. No obvious significant defects. Presented by the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers in 1989.	No action required at present.	B1
С	T26	Apple	8	1	30	5	3	5.5	4.5	2	М	G	40+	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Thin/prune using traditional orchard techniques.	B1
С	T27	Cordyline palm	5	3	24	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	3	М	G	20+	Three stems from 0.2m.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W3	T28	Cordyline palm	4	1	9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3	М	F	10+	Sparse foliage.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W3	T29	Japanese privet	5	MS	21	2	3	2	3.5	3	М	G	40+	Low crown. Appropriate for the location.	No action required at present.	В2
W3	T30	Japanese privet	5	MS	20	2	3.5	2	2.5	2	М	G	40+	Low crown. Appropriate for the location.	No action required at present.	B2
W3	T31	Japanese privet	5	MS	25	2	3.5	2.5	3	2	М	G	40+	Low crown. Appropriate for the location.	No action required at present.	B2
W3	T32	Japanese privet	5	MS	25	3	3	2	3.5	2	М	G	40+	Low crown. Appropriate for the location.	No action required at present.	B2

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W3	T33	Вау	9	2	16	2	3	3	2.5	3	EM	G	40+		Fell to remove shading of nearby windows.	B1
W3	T34	Cordyline palm	4	1	13	1	0.5	1	0.5	3	М	F	10+	Suppressed by adjacent bay.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W4	T35	Cordyline palm	7	1	12	0.5	1	1	0.5	6	М	G	20+	Tall and narrow crown. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W4	T36	Вау	9	1	28	3.5	2	4	2	5	М	G	40+	The crown has been pruned into a dome shape. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	B1
W4	T37	Viburnam tinus	5	2	7	1	2	1.5	1	3	EM	F	20+	Small shrub.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
W4	T38	Cordyline palm	7	1	13	1.5	0.5	1	1	5	М	G	20+	Tall and narrow crown. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
S	T39	Cotoneaster	7	1	20	5	3	4.5	3	2	М	F	20+	Recent shoot growth at base and on the trunk. Large scar at 1.5m where a limb has been removed in the past.	No action required at present.	C1
S	T40	Apple cv	8	1	29	5	5	5	4	2	М	G	20+	Epicormic growth on crown stems. Central crown stem has recently died.	No action required at present.	C1
S	T41	False acacia	11	1	29	5	6	5	5	3	М	G	40+	Torn branch at 6m. Minor deadwood in the crown. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B2
S	T42	Common lime	8	1	35	3	3	3	3	4	М	G	40+	Recent heavy crown reduction. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
S	T43	Cotoneaster	4	1	28	4.5	4.5	4	4	1.2	М	F	20+	, ,	Crown lift to 3m over the pathway to facilitate site access.	B1
S	T44	Cherry	9	1	28	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	2	М	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
S	T45	Cherry	8	1	31	5	4	4	5	2	М	G	40+	Surface roots. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
S	T46	Cotoneaster	4	1	28	4.5	5	4	4	2	М	F	20+	Squat crown shape. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
S	T47	Common lime	13	1	48	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	5	М	G	40+	Recent heavy crown reduction. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
S	T48	Rowan	11	1	33	5	5	3.5	4.5	2	М	G	10+	Mower damage to surface roots. Nectaria canker. Small stub at 3.5m.	No action required at present.	C1
S	T49	False acacia	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	Υ	G	40+	Recently planted tree.	No action required at present.	C1
S	T50	Apple cv	9	1	26	4	4	3	4.5	2	М	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1

A key explaining each category is provided at the rear of the schedule

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S	T51	Indian bean tree	15	1	40	5	3	1.5	8	2	М	G	20+	Slight lean to west. It appears that the rootplate shifted in the past but has now stabilised. Past crown reduction, now with approx. 4m regrowth.	No action required at present.	B1
E5	T52	Chinese magnolia	4	1	8	2	2	1.5	2.5	3	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E5	T53	Purple Japanese maple	3	3	10	2.5	2	2.5	2	2	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E4	T54	Cordyline palm	8	1	14	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	7	М	G	20+	_	Fell to enable improved planting.	C1
E4	T55	Windmill palm	2.5	1	10	1	1.5	1	1.5	0	М	G	20+	_	Fell to enable improved planting.	C1
E3	T56	False acacia	5	1	6	1.5	0.5	0	1.5	1	SM	G	40+		Fell to facilitate air source heat oump.	C1
E3	T57	False acacia	6	1	7	1.5	1	1	1	2	SM	G	40+	]	Fell to facilitate air source heat oump.	C1
E3	T58	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	6	1	14	2	2	2	2	2	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E3	T59	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	6	1	13	1.5	2	2	2	2	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	-ell.	C1
E3	T60	Lilac	5	1	9	1.5	1	1	2.5	2	EM	G	40+	I - I	Fell to enable improved planting.	C1
E3	T61	False acacia 'Frisia'	12	1	15	3	4	3	3.5	4	EM	G	40+	Two stems from 2m. Good overall condition.	No action required at present.	C1
E3	T62	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	5	1	15	2	2	2	2	1	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E3	T63	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	5	1	17	2	2	2	2	1	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
С	T64	Black mulberry	7	1	20	3.5	3.5	2	5.5	2	EM	G	40+	No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
С	T65	White mulberry	6	1	24	3	4.5	4.5	4	2	М	G	40+	Graft point at 2m. No obvious significant defects.  Planted in honour of Sarah and Robert Tennyson 2007.	No action required at present.	A1
С	T66	Cordyline palm	6	2	26	1	1	2	1	3	М	G	20+	No obvious significant defects.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
С	Т67	Bull bay magnolia	4	MS	9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1	М	F	40+	No obvious significant defects.  Not as healthy as the opposite tree on the west side.	No action required at present.	C1

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NE		Indian bean tree	16	1	41	4.5	5.5	3.5	7.5	5	М	G	40+	Scar at 2.5m from past pruning. Past crown reduction. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
E2	Т69	Cherry	7	1	28	5	4	3	4.5	2	М	G	10+		Crown lift to 4m over the pathway to facilitate site access.	C1
E2	T70	Foxglove tree	5	1	35	1	1.5	1	3	2.5	FM	G	10+	Trunk decay. Propped at 2m. A new crown has developed from recent shoot growth.	No action required at present.	C1
NE	T71	Indian bean tree	15	1	42	6	6	3.5	7.5	3	М	G	40+	Past crown reduction. No obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	B1
NE	T72	Foxglove tree	9	1	59	1	2.8	2	3.2	2	FM	G	10+	Trunk cavities at 1.5m and 2.5m. Past crown reduction.	No action required at present.	C1
E1	T73	Hazel	5	MS	20	1.5	2	1.5	2	4	М	G	40+	1	Fell to enable improved planting.	C1
E1	T74	Juniper	2	1	8	0.5	2	2	0.5	1	М	G	40+	Small tree with no obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E1	T75	Lilac	5	3	15	1.5	2.5	0.5	4	1	М	G	10+	Small shrub on the rockery. The two smaller stems extend low to the west.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
E1	T76	Hinoki cypress	4.5	2	12	1	1.5	1.5	1	2	М	G	40+	Small tree with no obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E1	T77	Nikko maple	11	1	21	3	5	4.5	4.5	4	М	G	10+	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Fell to enable improved planting.	C1
E1	T78	English oak	2	1	15	2.5	2	2	1	1	SM	G	40+	Poor location for a tree of this species. Also, poor form.	Fell to allow restoration.	C1
E1	T79	Nikko maple	8	1	17	4.5	2	5	2	4	М	G	10+	The branches are very close to the adjacent building/windows.	No action required at present.	C1
E1	T80	Lilac	4	3	27	3	1	1	6	3	FM	F	10+	Small shrub on the rockery. Lean to the west.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
E1	T81	Lilac	4	MS	18	1.5	3	0.5	4	2	М	F	10+	Small shrub.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
E1	T82	Holly cv	8	2	18	2.7	2	2.5	3	2	М	G	40+	Twin-stemmed from 0.2m. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
E1	T83	Lawson cypress	7	1	15	1	1.5	1	2	2	EM	G	40+	Suppressed by the adjacent holly. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1

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E1		Lawson cypress	9	3	22	1.5	1.5	2	2	1	М	G	20+	Secondary stem to east originating at 1m. No obvious significant defects.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
E1	T85	Lawson cypress	7	1	10	0	1	0	2	1	EM	F	10+		Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
E1	T86	Purple Japanese maple	3	MS	5	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.5	1	SM	G	40+	Small tree with no obvious significant defects.	No action required at present.	C1
E1	T87	Lilac	4	1	15	1	3	0	3.5	4	FM	Р	<10	Recently released from being smothered by climbers. Little long-term future.	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	U
E1	T88	Holly cv	5	1	16	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	М	G	40+	1	Fell to facilitate garden restoration.	C1
N	Т89	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	0	2	2	М	G	10+	bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	Т90	Olive	3	MS	8	2	2	0	3	2	М	G	10+	, ,	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T91	Olive	3	MS	8	1	2	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+	bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T92	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0	3	2	М	G	10+	, ,	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	Т93	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1.5	1	2	2	М	G	10+		Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T94	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	, ,	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T95	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	· °	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	Т96	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+		Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1

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N	Т97	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+		Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T98	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	Т99	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T100	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+	Suppressed by companion tree. Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T101	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2.5	2	М	G	10+	Suppressed by companion tree. Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T102	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2.5	2	М	G	10+	Suppressed by companion tree. Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T103	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	2	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T104	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	1	2	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T105	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	0.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T106	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	0.5	1	2	М	F	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T107	Fig	3	MS	4	0.5	0.5	1	1	2	SM	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.	Fell to enable new layout. Re- locate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1

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N	T108	Olive	3	MS	8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	layout. Re- trees	<b>C</b> 1
N	T109	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1.5	2	0.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C</b> 1
N	T110	Olive	3	MS	8	3	0.5	1	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C</b> 1
N	T111	Olive	3	MS	8	2	0.5	1	0.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C1</b>
N	T112	Olive	3	MS	8	2	2	1	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C</b> 1
N	T113	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	2	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C1</b>
N	T114	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	1	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C1</b>
N	T115	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	1	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	C1
N	T116	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1.5	1.5	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	C1
N	T117	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	2	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	C1
N	T118	Olive	3	MS	8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed. Fell to enable new locate the best 11 between T89 - T12	trees	<b>C1</b>

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N	T119	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T120	Olive	3	MS	8	2	1	2.5	0.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T121	Olive	3	MS	8	1	1	1.5	0.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T122	Goat willow	3	MS	8	2	1	1.5	0.5	2	SM	G	10+	Likely to be self-sown.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T123	Olive	3	MS	8	2.5	1	2	1	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1
N	T124	Olive	3	MS	8	1.5	1	2	0.5	2	М	G	10+	Small tree in raised planting bed.  Fell to enable new layout. Relocate the best 11 trees between T89 - T124.	C1

Appendix 1 - Group Schedule

**Site: Dolphin Square Gardens** 

**Surveyor:** Ben Rose

Date of Survey: 22nd April 2021



Area	Group Number	Tree Species	Number in Group	Height (m)	Number of stems	Stem Ø (cm)	N - Radius (m)	S - Radius (m)	E - Radius (m)	W - Radius (m)	1st Branch	Age Class	Overall Health	ULE (Years)	Tree Structural Condition & Site Notes	Recommended Management	Category
S	G1	Horse chestnut	13	7	1	32	2	2	2	2	4	М	G		The eastern side of the double avenue. Managed via cyclic reductions, all of these trees have recently been reduced.	No action required at present.	A2
S	G2	Horse chestnut	13	7	1	32	2	2	2	2	4	М	G		The eastern side of the double avenue. Managed via cyclic reductions, all of these trees have recently been reduced.	No action required at present.	A2



# **Tree Schedule - KEY**

# Tree/Group/Hedge Number

Tree, tree-groups or hedges have been allocated a number for the purpose of this survey. Numbers within the Tree Schedule relate to those marked on the Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Protection Plan drawings.

#### **Species**

Common names are listed.

#### **Number in Group**

Number of trees within a group. A group of trees may comprise of more than one species.

### Height (m)

All heights are estimated in metres.

#### **Number of Stems**

The number of stems is either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or MS (multi-stemmed). This feature influences how the area of the recommended root protection area is calculated.

#### Stem or Combined Diameter (cm)

Single stem diameters are measured at 1.5m with a diameter tape. The combined stem diameters for trees with up to five stems and trees with more than five stems (MS) trees are calculated in accordance with the guidance. The stem diameters are measured in accordance with Figure C.1 of BS5837:2012. All measurements in bold are estimates due to restricted access to the tree trunk.

# **Crown Spread Radius (m)**

The crown radius from tree trunk to crown limit identified at the four cardinal points (N, S, E and W) in order to allow presentation of the above ground constraints on the Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Protection Plan. Measurements are approximate and recorded to the nearest half metre.

All measurements depend on clear access about the crown.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Branch (m)

This is a record of the height of the lowest branch. This is useful when planning access routes or considering if pruning will be required to site new features under a tree crown.

#### Age Class

(Y) Young, (SM) Semi-Mature, (EM) Early-Mature, (M) Mature, (FM) Fully-Mature or (V) Veteran.

#### **Overall Health**

An overall assessment of the physiological condition of the tree recorded as (G) Good, (F) Fair, (P) Poor, (D) Dead.

# **ULE (Years)**

Useful Life Expectancy. Anticipated future contribution to amenity, in years.

# Tree Structural Condition & Site Notes

Observations on the form of the tree, condition and structural integrity.

Site notes are detailed when relevant to the growth conditions or rooting constraints.

#### **Management Recommendations**

Recommended tree surgery works to be carried our prior to construction. Terminology used is based on guidance detailed in BS3998:2010 – Recommendations for tree work<sup>1</sup>.

### Category

Tree category as defined within BS5837:2012. Categories A (high quality), B (moderate quality) and C (low quality) are trees that should be considered for retention. Category U trees are unsuitable for retention.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> British Standards Institution (2010). BS3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work. BSI, London.



# **Summary of Tree Removals at Dolphin Square**

Table A: The 72 trees that are scheduled for removal.

Tree/Group number	Species	Stem Ø (mm)	BS5837 Category
T5	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	156	C1
T6	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	157	C1
Т8	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	122	C1
T15	Cordyline palm	241	C1
T16	Cordyline palm	150	C1
T17	Cordyline palm	160	C1
T19	Cordyline palm	189	C1
T21	Cherry	73	U
T24	Cordyline palm	176	C1
T27	Cordyline palm	238	C1
T28	Cordyline palm	90	C1
T33	Bay	160	B1
T34	Cordyline palm	125	C1
T35	Cordyline palm	116	C1
T36	Bay	278	B1
T37	Viburnam tinus	69	C1
T38	Cordyline palm	130	C1
T54	Cordyline palm	144	C1
T55	Windmill palm	100	C1
T56	False acacia	63	C1
T57	False acacia	70	C1
T59	Holly 'Argenta Marginata'	128	C1
T60	Lilac	87	C1
T66	Cordyline palm	256	C1
T73	Hazel	200	C1
T75	Lilac	150	C1
T77	Nikko maple	210	C1
T78	English oak	150	C1
T80	Lilac	270	C1
T81	Lilac	180	C1
T82	Holly cv	180	C1
T83	Lawson cypress	148	C1
T84	Lawson cypress	219	C1
T85	Lawson cypress	97	C1
T87	Lilac	146	U
T88	Holly cv	162	C1
T89	Olive	80	C1
T90	Olive	80	C1



T91	Olive	80	C1
T92	Olive	80	C1
T93	Olive	80	C1
T94	Olive	80	C1
T95	Olive	80	C1
T96	Olive	80	C1
T97	Olive	80	C1
T98	Olive	80	C1
T99	Olive	80	C1
T100	Olive	80	C1
T101	Olive	80	C1
T102	Olive	80	C1
T103	Olive	80	C1
T104	Olive	80	C1
T105	Olive	80	C1
T106	Olive	80	C1
T107	Fig	41	C1
T108	Olive	80	C1
T109	Olive	80	C1
T110	Olive	80	C1
T111	Olive	80	C1
T112	Olive	80	C1
T113	Olive	80	C1
T114	Olive	80	C1
T115	Olive	80	C1
T116	Olive	80	C1
T117	Olive	80	C1
T118	Olive	80	C1
T119	Olive	80	C1
T120	Olive	80	C1
T121	Olive	80	C1
T122	Goat willow	80	C1
T123	Olive	80	C1
T124	Olive	80	C1



