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# FELLOWS' GARDEN, CHAPEL, OLD & NORTH QUAD CABLING PROJECT

# ARBORICULTURAL REPORT FOR PLANNING INCORPORATING BS5837:2012 TREE SURVEY & TREE PROTECTION PLAN

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#### 1.0 SUMMARY

#### **1.1** Outline of Proposals

The proposed works involve the installation of air source heat pumps (ASHP) with associated cabling. The proposed cabling will access the site from the electrical substation building, located on St Ebbe's Street. Due to the uncertainty of the size of the existing ducting in this area, two options are provided. Option 1 is for the cables to be placed in the existing cable ducting, which travels south from the substation, between the existing street trees, before entering the Fellows' Garden under the College Wall, to the east of an Asian Apple (T15). Option 2 is for the cables to be laid in a new cable duct, which will travel south adjacent to the existing duct, before bending west into the highway around T15. The new duct will enter into the Fellows' Garden under the College wall to the south of T15. Once in the Fellows' Garden, a new duct will follow adjacent to the existing cable duct across the grass and through the gated access into the Chapel Quad. The proposed cables will continue to follow adjacent to the same existing cable duct, located central to the southern path of the Chapel Quad before terminating at a new Submain at Staircase 6 in Broadgates Hall. A second cable duct, from Staircase 6 will follow an existing duct northward along the Chapel Quad path, parallel to Broadgates Hall. Outside the Robert Stevens Building the proposed cabling will turn east through the gated access and follow the path northwards into the North Quad, where it will service new Air Source Heat Pumps. In addition, there will be a third cable duct from the Air Source Heat Pumps, which will follow the same alignment as the second cable duct, deviating from this alignment via an existing path into the basement of Broadgates Hall, at Staircase 7.

# 1.2 The Site

Pembroke College is located on St Aldate's, Oxford, south of the main city centre. The area for the new cabling is confined to three main areas of the College.

- The Fellows' Garden (located to the south and west of The Hall) is bound to the west by a wall adjacent to St Ebbe's Street and to the south by a wall adjacent to Brewer Street.
- Chapel Quad is to the east of the Fellows' Garden. Both are connected via a small, gated access at the southeastern corner of The Hall.
- North Quad is to the north of the Chapel Quad. Both are connected via a small, gated access between the Robert Stevens Building and Broadgates Hall.

A total of 19 trees were surveyed on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, however, only 15 of these had girths over 75mm in diameter and have been included within the BS 5837: 2012 survey (Table 1). Blue Tyvek temporary reference labels were attached at the time of the survey.



The BS5837:2012 categories are listed below.

| BS583 | 7:2012 Categories | Numbers of trees | % of Total |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
|       | 1                 |                  |            |
| Α     | 2                 | 6                | 40%        |
|       | 3                 |                  |            |
|       | 1                 |                  |            |
| B     | 2                 | 6                | 40%        |
|       | 3                 |                  |            |
|       | 1                 |                  |            |
| С     | 2                 | 3                | 20%        |
|       | 3                 |                  |            |
| U     | -                 |                  |            |
| Total |                   | 15               | 100%       |

### 1.3 Tree Removals

Of the 15 trees surveyed it is proposed to remove 1 tree.

| BS5837:2012 categories |   | Number of trees removed | Tree Ref (T) Number   |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                        | 1 |                         |                       |
| А                      | 2 |                         |                       |
|                        | 3 |                         |                       |
|                        | 1 |                         |                       |
| В                      | 2 |                         |                       |
|                        | 3 |                         |                       |
| С                      | 1 |                         |                       |
|                        | 2 | 1                       | T14 – Strawberry tree |
|                        | 3 |                         |                       |
| U                      |   |                         |                       |
| Total                  |   | 1 Removal               |                       |

# BS5837:2012 – C category trees

The majority of Tree T14 (strawberry Tree) has already been removed. Only one small element of regrowth remains. Therefore, the removal of this tree, to accommodate the development of the area with an Air Source Heat Pump enclosure, is not considered to be of any significance.

#### **1.4** Tree Works within the RPA

Of the 14 retained trees, 2 trees have new trenches for cables encroaching into their RPAs.

| Tree<br>No. | Species         | Total RPA<br>(sqm) | Area Encroached<br>(sqm) | % of RPA<br>Affected | Reason for encroachment  |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| T6          | Common lime     | 59.9               | 5.6                      | 9.3                  | Location of a new trench |
| Т8          | Common laburnum | 1.9                | 0.4                      | 21.0                 | Location of a new trench |

Although the Laburnum's RPA has 21% of its RPA affected by the new cable trench to the south, the area of RPA is already compromised by the location of the pathway between the Fellows' Garden and the Chapel Quad. The impact of this change is therefore not considered to be detrimental to the growth of the climber.

# 1.5 Tree Canopy Works

Before the cabling works commence it is proposed to carry out the following tree canopy pruning works to prevent damage to the tree canopies.

| Tree<br>No. | Common<br>Name | Total Canopy<br>area (sqm) | Area of tree<br>works (sqm) | % of canopy<br>affected | Reason for works   |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| T10         | Tassel tree    | 12.4                       | 6.3                         | 50.8%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |
| T11         | Common Holly   | 9.4                        | 4.7                         | 50.0%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |
| T12         | Glory bush     | 26.4                       | 19.7                        | 74.6%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |

Although this work decreases the canopy sizes of the trees extensively, this is only a temporary measure, as the trees will be allowed to re-grow following the completion of the works.

# 1.6 Conclusion

Of the 14 trees retained it can be concluded that the proposed new cabling will have a limited effect on the tree RPA's, due to locating the majority of the trenches within existing areas of hard standing and through existing ducts. Of the two trees where the trenches compromise the RPAs, only T8, a Common laburnum, has approximately 21% of its RPA reduced. However, this reduction is located to the south where the tree's growth is already restricted by walls and pavements.

A Strawberry tree (T14) will be lost to the proposals. The main element of the tree T14 has already been felled, with only one small stem of regrowth remaining. The loss of this tree is not considered to be significant.

Three trees will require their canopies to be reduced, however, this is a temporary measure as they will be allowed to re-grow following the completion of the works.

# 2.0 INTRODUCTION

# 2.1 Tree Survey and Scope of the Report

Lear Associates Limited were commissioned by Metis Projects on behalf of Pembroke College, University of Oxford, in November 2023, to carry out a tree survey to review the existing tree locations within the College grounds and their relation to the proposed new cabling associated with the installation of new Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP). Using the results of the tree survey, Lear Associates Limited have prepared a tree protection plan.

The location and the condition of the existing trees are to be noted within the confines of the site boundary. No invasive investigations or climbing inspections were done to confirm any visual or audible signs of defect.

This report has been prepared in accordance with BS 5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations.

All the data gathered has been used to identify any constraints the trees will have on the proposed works and those that the works will have on the trees.

#### 2.2 Documents Supplied

An analysis of the site, features, constraints, and proposed construction methods were drawn from the following documents.

- 2313-DD-0001A-RA: Site Location Plan Walters & Cohen Architects (dated 17.10.2023)
- 25278A/1: Utility & Drainage On Centre Surveys Ltd. (dated 02/2018)
- 2313-DD-1000: Proposed Site Plan Walters & Cohen Architects (dated 04.09.2023)
- J7411-30000-P01: Site Services Layout Max Fordham (dated 15/02/2024)

# 2.3 Survey methodology

In accordance with BS 5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction – Recommendations, the survey includes all trees within the site with a stem diameter of 75mm or more, measured at 1.5m above the highest adjacent ground level (or where physically possible). The following data was re-recorded and updated:

- Tree tag number (including existing tag numbers).
- Species.
- Height.
- Stem diameter (mm) at 1.5m unless indicated.
- Crown spread (in meters taken at four cardinal points) or the overall extent of the canopy.
- Crown clearance (in meters taken at four cardinal points).
- Estimated planting date.
- Useful life span remaining.
- Health of the tree (crown, stem, basal and physical condition).
- General notes relating to the tree's condition, hazards around the tree and the tree's general habit.
- Management recommendations.

#### 2.4 Tree Categorisations

The purpose of tree categorization is to identify the quality and value of the trees within the site. It allows an informed decision to be made on which trees should be retained in connection with the location of the new cabling. The site's trees have been evaluated and classified into one of the four BS5837:2012 categories. Their definitions are listed in the table below (*ref: Table 1, pg. 9, BS5837:2012*).

| Trees unsuitable for retention       |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Category U                           | Those in such condition that they cannot<br>realistically be retained as living trees in the<br>context of the current land use for longer<br>than 10 years |  |  |
| Trees to be considered for retention |   |  |  |
| Category A                           | <b>Trees of high quality</b> with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years   |  |  |
| Category B                           | <b>Trees of moderate quality</b> with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years   |  |  |
| Category C                           | <b>Trees of low quality</b> with an estimated life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm                         |  |  |

Under the categories A, B and C are three criteria subcategories relating to the tree's arboricultural (1), landscape (2) and cultural values (3), respectively. These subcategories have equal weight in determining their value for retention. Only one set of criteria relates to category U which determines the reason for removal.

# 2.5 Recommendations

Recommendations in this report are to maximise the retained trees life expectancy based on the current situation. Any tree works specifically relating to the laying of service cables are based on the proposals known at the time of the survey. Subsequent changes relating to the development or site could invalidate the recommendations given in the report.

# 2.6 Limitations

The report, comments and recommendations are based on the factors observed at the time of the survey. As trees are dynamic structures their safety can never be assumed as being 100% safe.

The objective of the survey is to evaluate the tree data relevant to the proposed new cabling at Pembroke College. To then categorise trees in accordance with their condition, quality, and future potential. This is not a Duty of Care survey or a Tree Risk Assessment and should not be construed as such. Detailed inspection of individual trees with respect to decay, defects and hazards is not included. Inspections will be carried out from the ground.

Due to the changing nature of trees and other site circumstances, this report, and any recommendations made are limited and valid for a 1-year period, from December 2023. Any alterations to the proposals during construction could change the current circumstances and may invalidate this report and any recommendations made. Should this be the case, this report will be required to be updated.

# 3.0 BACKGROUND AND SITE INFORMATION

#### 3.1 The Report

The findings of each tree surveyed are contained at the rear of this report within Table 1 - Tree Survey located in Appendix 1. The individual locations and categories are shown on Plans 172-TSC-01 at the rear of this report.

All measurements are metric and indicated where approximate.

# 3.2 The Site

Pembroke College is located on St Aldate's, Oxford, south of the main city centre. The area for the new ASHPs and cabling is confined to three main areas of the College.

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# 3.3 Planning Designations

Pembroke College is a series of both Grade I and Grade II listed buildings located within Oxford City Council's Central Conservation Area. Trees here are subject to provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 211, which is administered by Oxford City Council. None of the trees surveyed are thought to have a Tree Preservation Order.

# **3.4** Former Planning Applications

Two former planning applications have had an impact on the trees currently located in the Fellows' Garden and Chapel Quad. These are listed below, along with the former impacts on the trees relevant to this.

| Planning Application Ref. | Description of Works relevant  | Former Impact                           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 09/00553/FUL              | Construction of a new          | Trees located at the eastern end of     |
|                           | pedestrian bridge over Brewer  | the Fellows' Garden would have had      |
|                           | Street to link new student     | their roots affected by the footings of |
|                           | accommodation and              | the new bridge and disabled access      |
|                           | residential facilities to      | which opened in April 2013.             |
|                           | Pembroke College. Ground       |   |
|                           | floor retail unit on corner of |   |
|                           | Littlegate/ Brewer Street and  |   |
|                           | new substation.                |   |

| Planning Application Ref. | Description of Works relevant | Former Impact                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 19/00611/FUL              | Upgrade of the existing LV    | Trees located along the length of the |
| 19/00465/LBC              | distribution cabling running  | new cable trenches within the         |
|                           | from the St. Ebbes Street     | Fellows' Garden and Chapel Quad       |
|                           | switch room, through Chapel   | would have had their roots affected.  |
|                           | Quad, Old Quad and on to the  | (plans located in Appendix 2)         |
|                           | Almshouse & Master's          |                                       |
|                           | Lodgings.                     |                                       |

# 3.5 Consultations

Consultations to date have been between the design team and the client to ensure that the location of the new trenches limits the works within the existing tree's Root Protection Areas. To date, there have been no consultations with the local authority by Lear Associates.

# 4.0 TREE SURVEY RESULTS

#### 4.1 Species

The 15 trees included in the BS5837:2012 survey comprise 14 different species. The majority (13) were recorded as individual specimens; only 1 species surveyed (*Prunus* cv.) occurred twice.

#### 4.2 Health and Condition

The external health and condition of the trees were noted during the site visit. Visual checks were made on the condition of the trees by looking at four key areas. The tree's **Crown** - including the presence of dead wood, die back and overall opacity of the canopy; the tree's **Stem** - noting the location of the main fork, any fungal presence, visible defects to the bark and the results of ring tests; the **Basal** section of the tree – noting any root compaction or physical barriers to root growth; and the physical condition of the tree – noting the overall growing conditions and any physical defects such as leaning. The conditions of the four key areas are classified into four categories as listed below.

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Dead

The reasoning for these results possibly relates to several factors. The close proximity of some of the trees and the resultant competition for light and nutrients; the possibility of root compaction due to the location of hard-standing areas, and paths; the location of physical barriers to the trees including the existing walls and buildings; and potential mower damage during the cutting of grass.

# 4.3 Estimated Life Span

The individual trees have been assessed according to their age, condition and situation and the estimated life span is set out in Table 1 (Appendix 1).

# 4.4 BS5837:2012 Tree Categories

The table below indicates the number of trees surveyed on-site within each of the BS5837:2012 categories (Table 1). Blue Tyvek temporary reference labels were attached at the time of the survey (see Photo 1 below).

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|       | 1                 |                  |            |
| В     | 2                 | 6                | 40%        |
|       | 3                 |                  |            |
|       | 1                 |                  |            |
| С     | 2                 | 3                | 20%        |
|       | 3                 |                  |            |
| U     | -                 |                  |            |
| Total |                   | 15               | 100%       |



**Photo 1**: Blue Tyvek temporary reference label.

# 5.0 ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

**5.1 Description of the proposals** (see latest version of plan - J7411-30000-P01: Site Services Layout – Max Fordham (dated 15/02/2024))

The proposed works involve the installation of air source heat pumps (ASHP) with associated cabling. The proposed cabling will access the site from the electrical substation building, located on St Ebbe's Street. Due to the uncertainty of the size of the existing ducting in this area, two options are provided. Option 1 is for the cables to be placed in the existing cable ducting, which travels south from the substation, between the existing street trees, before entering the Fellows' Garden under the College Wall, to the east of an Asian Apple (T15). Option 2 is for the cables to be laid in a new cable duct, which will travel south adjacent to the existing duct, before bending west into the highway around T15. The new duct will enter into the Fellows' Garden under the College wall to the south of T15. Once in the Fellows' Garden, a new duct will follow adjacent to the existing cable duct across the grass and through the gated access into the Chapel Quad. The proposed cables will continue to follow adjacent to the same existing cable duct, located central to the southern path of the Chapel Quad before terminating at a new Submain at Staircase 6 in Broadgates Hall. A second cable duct, from Staircase 6 will follow an existing duct northward along the Chapel Quad path, parallel to Broadgates Hall. Outside the Robert Stevens Building the proposed cabling will turn east through the gated access and follow the path northwards into the North Quad, where it will service new Air Source Heat Pumps. In addition, there will be a third cable duct from the Air Source Heat Pumps, which will follow the same alignment as the second cable duct, deviating from this alignment via an existing path into the basement of Broadgates Hall, at Staircase 7.

# 5.2 Effect of Proposals on Trees

The proposed cabling generally follows existing ducting which was laid in 2019. The location of which formed part of the planning application (19/00465/LBC). Where new cables are to be laid, these are generally to be located along existing paths in a central location where no existing trees are located. Where new trenches occur adjacent to existing trees their location has been carefully considered to minimise the impacts on the RPA and to minimise the tree losses.

It should be noted that the Common lime tree (T6), located in the Fellows' Garden has already been subjected to change as a result of the bridge construction completed in April 2013.

| Tree Ref<br>no. | Name  | BS<br>Cat | Prescription | Notes (as pertaining to planning application) |
|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|---|
| T1              | Pyracantha coccinea<br><b>Pyracanth / Firethorn</b> | C2        | Retain       | No requirements                               |
| Т2              | Syringa vulgaris cv.<br><b>Hybrid lilac</b>         | B2        | Retain       | No requirements                               |
| Т3              | Prunus cv.<br><b>Cherry</b>                         | A2        | Retain       | No requirements                               |
| Т4              | Cotoneaster frigidus<br>Cotoneaster                 | B2        | Retain       | No requirements                               |

# Summary of Proposed actions to trees

| Tree Ref<br>no. | Name   | BS<br>Cat | Prescription             | Notes (as pertaining to planning application)   |
|-----------------|--|-----------|--------------------------|---|
| T5              | Magnolia grandiflora<br>Evergreen Magnolia /<br>Bullbay              | A2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| Т6              | Tilia x euroaea Common<br><b>Common lime</b>                         | A2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| T7              | Prunus cv.<br><b>Cherry</b>  | A2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| Т8              | Laburnum anagyroides<br>Common laburnum                              | B2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| Т9              | <i>Prunus subhirtella</i> cv.<br>Autumnalis<br><b>Winter cherry</b>  | A2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| T10             | Garrya elliptica<br>Tassel tree                                      | B2        | Retain                   | Possible pruning of the canopy to allow for construction.   |
| T11             | llex aquifolium<br>Common holly                                      | A2        | Retain                   | Possible pruning of the canopy to allow for construction.   |
| T12             | Clerodendrum<br>trichotomum<br><b>Glory bush</b>                     | B2        | Retain                   | Possible pruning of the canopy to allow for construction.   |
| T13             | Pittosporum tenuifolium<br>cv.Silver Queen<br>Variegated Pittosporum | C2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| T14             | Arbutus undeo<br>Strawberry tree                                     | C2        | Remove                   | The remains of the stump and<br>element of regrowth are to be<br>removed to accommodate the<br>development of the area with an Air<br>Source Heat Pump enclosure. |
| T15             | Malus tschonoskii?<br>Asian apple                                    | B2        | Retain                   | No requirements   |
| Total           |  |           | 14 Retained<br>1 removal |   |

#### 5.3 Proposed Tree Retentions

The table below summarises the number of trees proposed to be retained within each of the BS5837:2012 categories and indicates which trees require additional work for their retention. The retained trees, in the context of the proposed new cabling, are shown on plan 172-TSC-02.

# Summary of Tree Retentions

| BS5837:2012<br>categories |   | Number of trees retained | Tree Ref (T) Number                  | Additional work<br>required |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                           | 1 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T3 – Cherry                          | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T5 – Evergreen Magnolia /<br>Bullbay | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| А                         | 2 | 6                        | T6 – Common lime                     | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T7 – Cherry                          | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T9 – Winter Cherry                   | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T11 – Common Holly                   | Y                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 3 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 1 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T2 – Hybrid Lilac                    | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T4 – Cotoneaster                     | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| В                         | 2 | 6                        | T8 – Common laburnum                 | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| В                         | 2 | 0                        | T10 – Tassel tree                    | Y                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T12 – Glory bush                     | Y                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |   |                          | T15 – Asian apple                    | Y                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 3 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 1 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| с                         | 2 | 2                        | T1 – Pyracantha /<br>Firethorn       | N                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 2 | 2                        | T13 – Variegated<br>Pittosporum      | Ν                           |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | 3 |                          |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| U                         |   | 0                        |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total                     |   | 14 Retentions            |                                      |                             |  |  |  |  |  |

It should be noted that the two cable locations around T15 will not impact the tree's RPA. However, option 2, will result in the tree being encompassed by an existing cable duct to the north and east and a new cable duct to the west and south. To date, no investigations have taken place to ascertain if the tree pit contains root barriers.

# 5.4 Proposed Tree Removals

The table below summarises the number of trees proposed to be removed within each of the BS5837:2012 categories. The trees to be removed are shown on plan 172-TSC-02.

#### Summary of Tree Removals

| BS5837:2012<br>categories |   | Number of trees<br>removed | Tree Ref (T) Number   |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | 1 |                            |                       |
| А                         | 2 |                            |                       |
|                           | 3 |                            |                       |
|                           | 1 |                            |                       |
| В                         | 2 |                            |                       |
|                           | 3 |                            |                       |
| С                         | 1 |                            |                       |
|                           | 2 | 1                          | T14 – Strawberry tree |
|                           | 3 |                            |                       |
| U                         |   |                            |                       |
| Total                     | • | 1 Removal                  |                       |

#### 5.5 Impact of Removals:

#### BS5837:2012 – C category trees

The majority of tree T14 (Strawberry tree) has already been removed. Only one small element of regrowth remains. Therefore, the removal of this tree, to accommodate the development of the area with an Air Source Heat Pump enclosure, is not considered to be of any significance.

#### 5.6 Root Protection Areas (RPA's)

The root protection areas (RPA's) have been calculated in accordance with the guidance in BS5837:2012. The RPAs for the trees to be retained in connection with the proposed new cabling are shown on plan 172-TSC-02.

Of the 14 retained trees, 2 trees have the new trenches for the cables encroaching into their RPAs. The extent of these encroachments is within the table below and shown on plan 172-TSC-02.

| Tree<br>No. | Species         | Total RPA<br>(sqm) | Area Encroached<br>(sqm) | % of RPA<br>Affected | Reason for encroachment  |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| T6          | Common lime     | 59.9               | 5.6                      | 9.3                  | Location of a new trench |  |  |
| Т8          | Common laburnum | 1.9                | 0.4                      | 21.0                 | Location of a new trench |  |  |

Although the Common laburnum's RPA has 21% of its RPA is affected by the new cable trench to the south, the area of RPA is already compromised by the location of the pathway between the Fellows' Garden and the Chapel Quad. The impact of this change is therefore not considered to be detrimental to the growth of the climber.

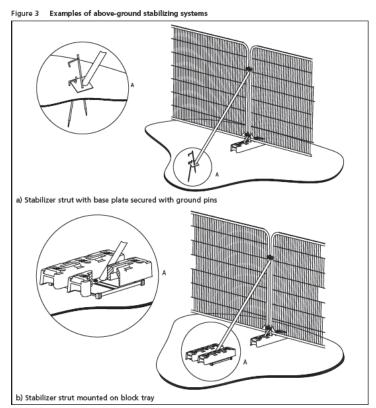
#### 5.7 Tree Protection

Any works related to the proposed new cabling should not be permitted within the retained tree Root Protection Areas (RPA) unless agreed. Tree protection measures in the form of Protective Fencing should be erected before the works commence - as shown on plan 172-TSC-03 and kept in place for the duration of works until practical completion.

# Temporary Protective Fencing: (Plan 172-TSC-03)

During the excavation of the service trenches the tree RPA's need to be protected, however, the areas do not require the standard default level of protection. Once fenced these areas will require all-weather signage to inform site workers of the restrictions in the area. Paragraph 6.2.2.3 of the standard advises that the protection fencing should be constructed from the following:

" 2m tall welded mesh panels on rubber or concrete feet might provide an adequate level of protection from cars, vans, pedestrians and manually operated plant. In such cases, the fence panels should be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence. The distance between the fence couplers should be at least 1 m and should be uniform throughout the fence. The panels should be supported on the inner side by stabilizer struts, which should normally be attached to a base plate secured with ground pins (Figure 3a). Where the fencing is to be erected on retained hard surfacing or it is otherwise unfeasible to use ground pins, e.g. due to the presence of underground services, the stabilizer struts should be mounted on a block tray (Figure 3b)."



# 5.8 Tree Canopy Works

Before the cabling works commence it is proposed to carry out the following tree canopy pruning works to prevent damage to the tree canopies. The extent of the works is described in the table below and shown on Plan 172-TSC-03. However, it should be noted that the extent of the canopy pruning, is shown as the worst-case scenario. This is due to the current uncertainty of the location of the new cable trench, protective fencing and the size of machinery to be used, which will affect the amount of room required to carry out the excavation works.

| Tree<br>No. | Common<br>Name | Total Canopy<br>area (sqm) | Area of tree<br>works (sqm) | % of canopy<br>affected | Reason for works   |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| T10         | Tassel tree    | 12.4                       | 6.3                         | 50.8%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |
| T11         | Common Holly   | 9.4                        | 4.7                         | 50.0%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |
| T12         | Glory bush     | 26.4                       | 19.7                        | 74.6%                   | To provide room for the excavation of the service trench |

Although this work decreases the canopy sizes of the trees extensively, this is only a temporary measure, as the trees will be allowed to re-grow following the completion of the works.

# 5.9 Landscape Improvements and Tree Planting

As the only tree loss associated with the new cabling is the removal of an existing 'C' category stump with one small stem of regrowth it is not deemed necessary to assess any landscape improvements or new tree planting.

# 6.0 CONCLUSIONS

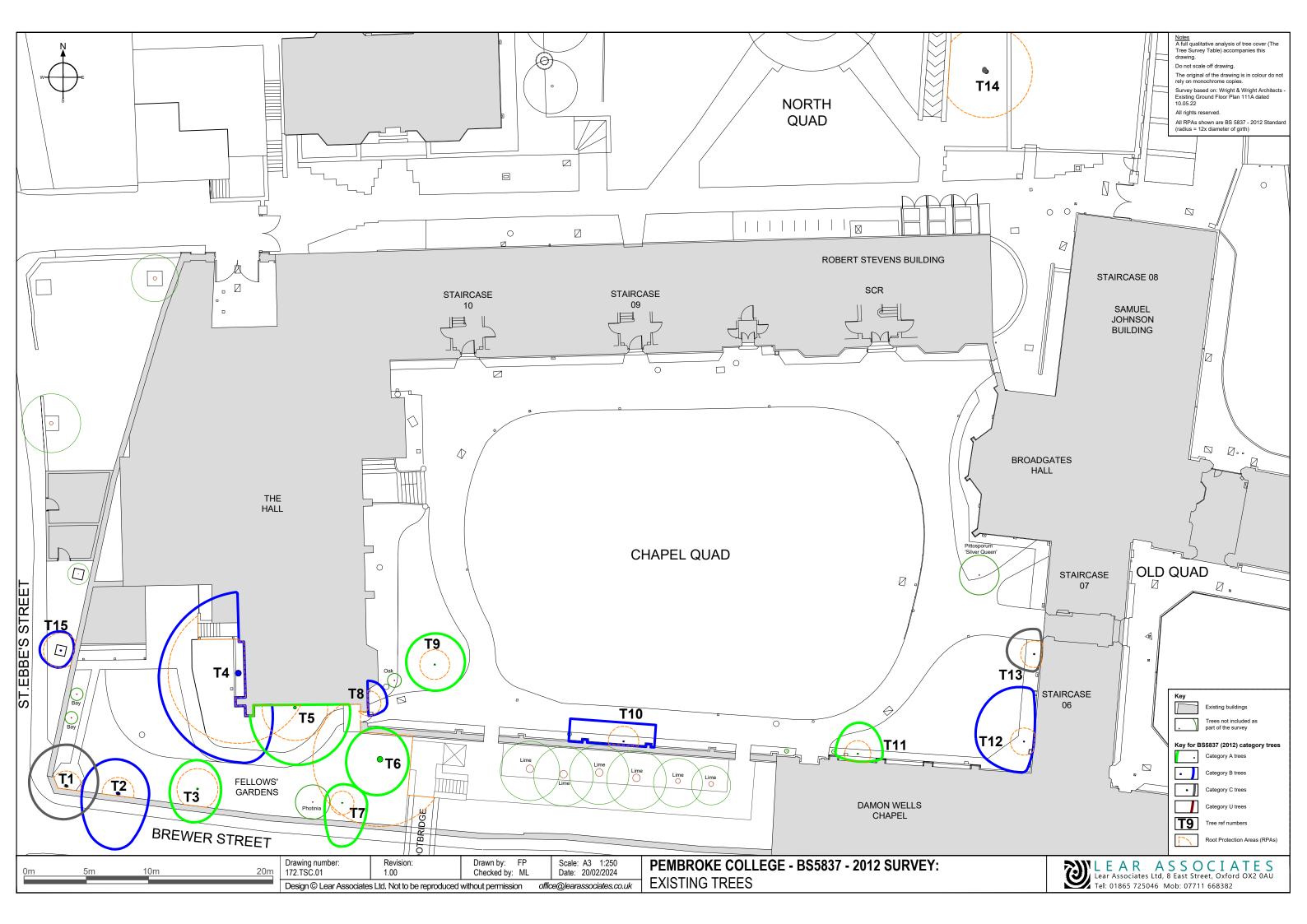
Of the 14 trees retained it can be concluded that the proposed new cabling will have a limited effect on the tree RPA's, due to locating the majority of the trenches within existing areas of hard standing and through existing ducts. Of the two trees where the trenches compromise the RPAs, only T8, a Common laburnum, has approximately 21% of its RPA reduced. However, this reduction is located to the south where the tree's growth is already restricted by walls and pavements.

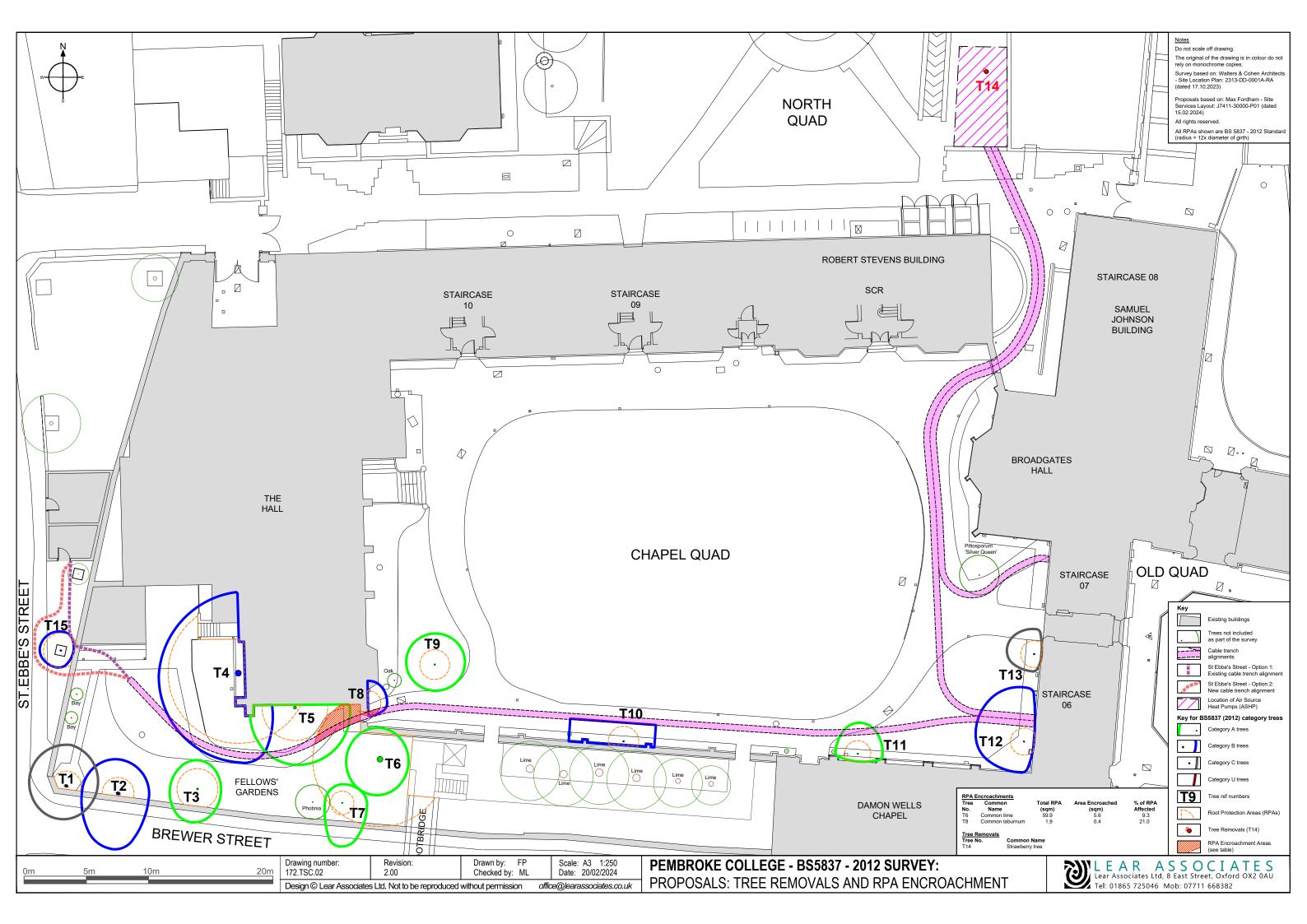
A Strawberry tree will be lost to the proposals. The main element of the tree T14 has already been felled, with only one small stem of regrowth remaining. The loss of this tree is not considered to be significant.

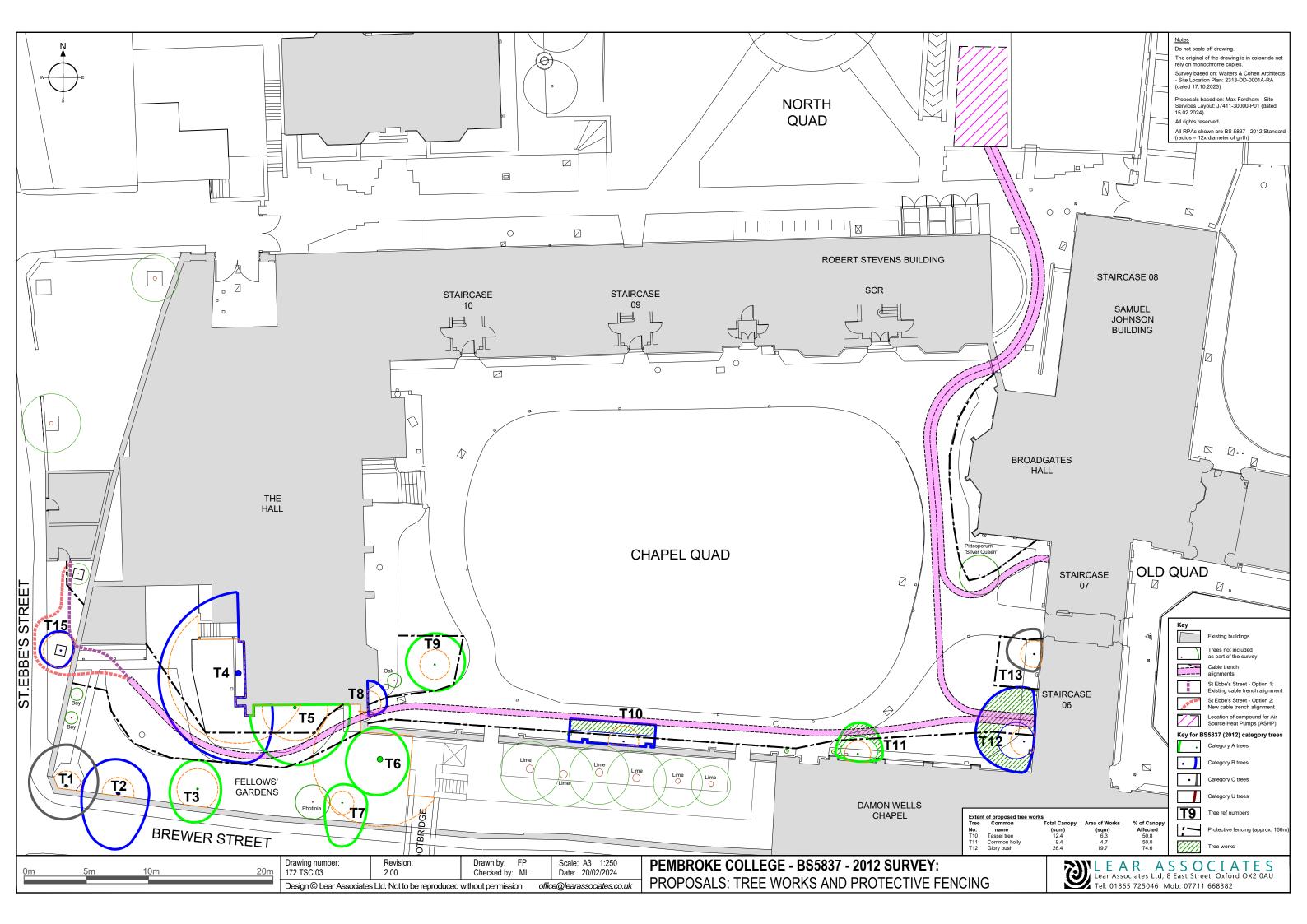
Three trees will require their canopies to be reduced, however, this is a temporary measure as they will be allowed to re-grow following the completion of the works.

# PLANS

| 172-TSC-01 | BS5837 - 2012 – Existing Trees                                |
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| 172-TSC-02 | BS5837 - 2012 – Proposals: Tree Removals and RPA Encroachment |
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# APPENDIX 1 – Tree Survey

Table 1 – Lear Associates Limited Tree Survey

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# Inclusion scope: BS5837: 2012 Planning designation of site: CA Date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

| REF | NAME  | Ht  | DIAMETER<br>(mm)              | CRC | WN SI | PREAD      | D (m) | GROI<br>(m) |     |     |     | Pld/<br>est | USEFUL | HEALTH | l (Good, | , fair, poor | , dead)     | NOTES/HAZARDS/   | BS               | RPA<br>AREA |
|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-------|------------|-------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|-------------|--|------------------|-------------|
| NO  |   | (m) | @ 1.5m<br>Unless<br>indicated | N   | S     | E          | W     | Ν           | s   | Е   | w   | AGE         | LIFE   | Crown  | Stem     | Basal        | Phys<br>Con | HABITATS/COMMENTS  | Cat <sup>1</sup> | m²          |
| T1  | Pyracantha<br>coccinea<br>Pyracanth /<br>Firethorn            | 5.2 | 100                           | 3.3 | 2.7   | 2.5        | 3.0   | 1.0         | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1975        | >20    | G      | G        | G            | G           | Multi Stem +10 stems; Overall<br>condition is good; Overhangs;<br>Red berries  | C2               | 2.6         |
| Т2  | <i>Syringa vulgaris</i><br>cv.<br><b>Hybrid lilac</b>         | 4.4 | 107                           | 2.7 | 4.5   | 2.5        | 2.9   | 0.5         | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1920        | >20    | G      | G        | G            | G           | Multi Stem +10 stems   | B2               | 3.1         |
| тз  | Prunus cv.<br>Cherry  | 3.6 | 137                           | 2.3 | 2.7   | 1.9        | 2.2   | 1.5         | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2013        | >40    | G      | G        | G            | G           | Double Pink Flower.  | A2               | 8.2         |
| T4  | Cotoneaster<br>frigidus<br>Cotoneaster                        | 8.7 | 470 @ 1.3m                    | 6.5 | 7.2   | 0.4<br>2.6 | 6.4   | 2.0         | 2.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 1950        | >20    | G      | F        | G            | G           | The eastern canopy wraps<br>around the building by 2.6m;<br>Lower trunk leans to the south<br>10° away from the building;<br>Branches at 1.5m into four.   | B2               | 54.3        |
| Т5  | Magnolia<br>grandiflora<br>Evergreen<br>Magnolia /<br>Bullbay | 8.6 | 220                           | 0.5 | 4.6   | 4.4        | 3.6   | 4.0         | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1950        | >40    | G      | F        | G            | G           | Main stem leans 5° south away from the building.   | A2               | 12.2        |
| Т6  | Tilia x euroaea<br>Common<br>Common lime                      | 8.6 | 450                           | 2.5 | 2.9   | 2.3        | 2.7   | 2.0         | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1900        | >40    | G      | G        | G            | G           | Epicormic growth has been<br>removed up to 1.8m. Tree<br>previously high pollard and<br>canopy is small for stem<br>diameter. Main junction is at<br>2.7m; No visible defects.<br>Roots potentially would have<br>been affected by the footings<br>of the new bridge and disabled<br>access which opened in April<br>2013. Eastern canopy<br>overhangs the new bridge. | A2               | 59.9        |
| Т7  | Prunus cv.<br>Cherry  | 4.3 | 79                            | 1.5 | 3.5   | 2.0        | 1.4   | 2.0         | 7.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2013        | >40    | G      | G        | G            | G           |  | A2               | 2.8         |

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| Т8  | Laburnum<br>anagyroides<br>Common<br>Iaburnum                              | 6.6 | 84   | 1.8 | 1.0   | 1.5 | 0.2   | 3.0         | 3.0    | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2000        | >20    | G      | G        | G          | G           | Retained self-sown seedling<br>against a wall; branches out at<br>1.8m   | B2               | 1.9         |
| Т9  | <i>Prunus<br/>subhirtella</i> cv.<br>Autumnalis<br><b>Winter cherry</b>    | 4.2 | 100  | 2.5 | 2.1   | 2.4 | 2.3   | 2.0         | 2.0    | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2003        | >40    | G      | G        | G          | G           | Graft height at 1.8m   | A2               | 4.5         |
| T10 | Garrya elliptica<br>Tassel tree  | 4.9 | 102  | 1.5 | 0.0   | 2.5 | 4.4   | 0           | 0      | 0   | 0   | 1930        | >20    | G      | G        | G          | G           | 6+ stems; Clipped shrub, 1.5m wide off wall;   | B2               | 3.1         |
| T11 | llex aquifolium<br>Common holly  | 5.9 | 88   | 2.5 | 0.1   | 2.0 | 1.8   | 0           | 0      | 0   | 0   | 1995        | >40    | G      | G        | G          | G           | 2 stems from 0.3m; against<br>the wall of Damon Wells<br>Chapel  | A2               | 3.0         |
| T12 | Clerodendrum<br>trichotomum<br>Glory bush                                  | 5.1 | 91   | 4.3 |       |     | 3.9   | 2           | 2      | 2   | 2   | 1995        | >20    | F      | G        | G          | G           | Characteristically misshapen   | B2               | 3.5         |
| T13 | Pittosporum<br>tenuifolium<br>cv.Silver Queen<br>Variegated<br>Pittosporum | 6.3 | 90   | 2.0 | 1.4   |     | 2.2   | 1.5         | 1.5    | 1   | 1   | 1995        | >10    | F      | F        | G          | F           | Dead portion at the base but<br>not affecting its stability  | C2               | 3.1         |
| T14 | Arbutus undeo<br>Strawberry tree   | 1.5 | Main stem<br>308 @ 0.4m<br>Regrowth<br>23 @ 1.5m | 0.2 | 0.2   | 0.2 | 0.2   | 1           | 1      | 1   | 1   | 1950        | >10    | F      | F        | F          | F           | It was originally a twin-stem<br>tree; recently felled and left<br>with a small element of re-<br>growth; mainly a stump<br>remains  | C2               | 40.9        |
| T15 | Malus<br>tschonoskii?<br>Asian apple                                       | 9.0 | 117  | 1.5 | 1.4   | 1.0 | 1.7   | 4           | 4      | 2   | 4   | 2010        | >20    | G      | F        | G          | G           | Tree adjacent to the public<br>pavement and road in St<br>Ebbes. Upright growing tree<br>set in a square planting pit in<br>an area of hard standing; bark<br>wounds were noted at the time<br>of visit. | B2               | 5.7         |

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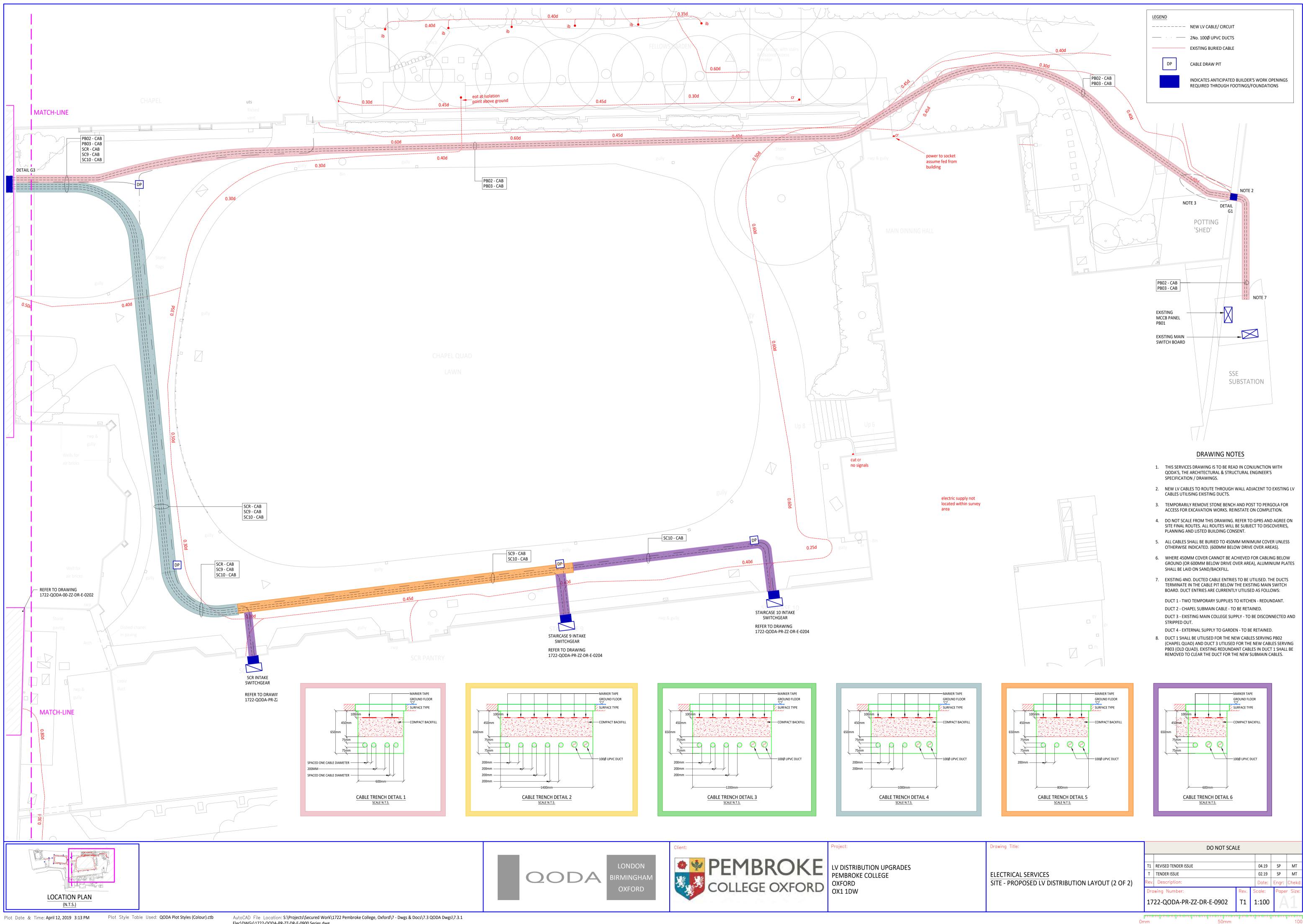
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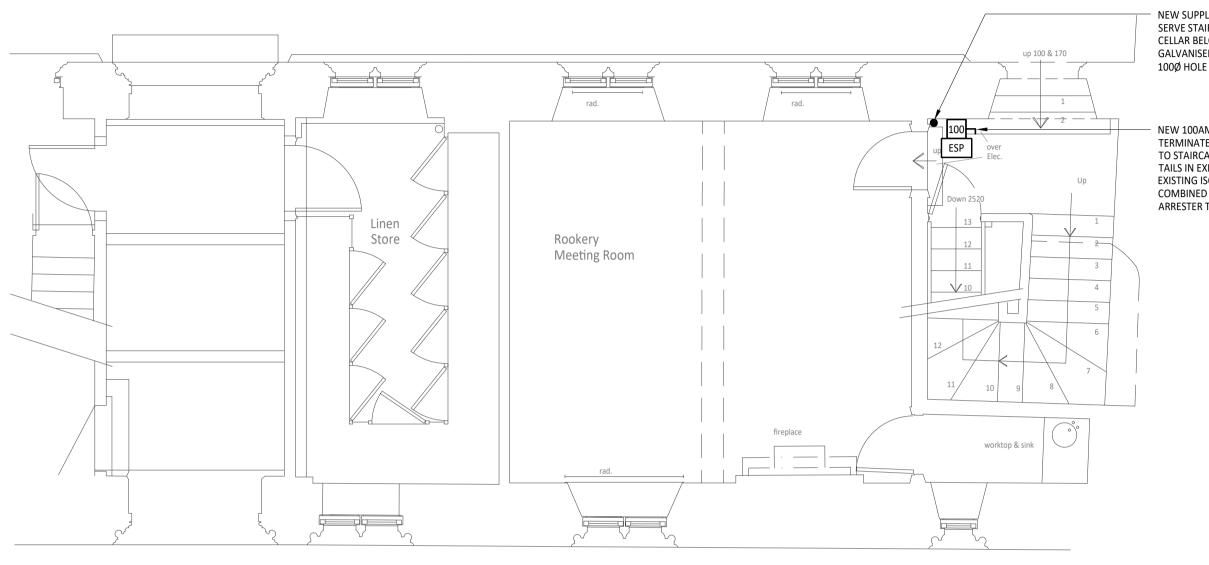


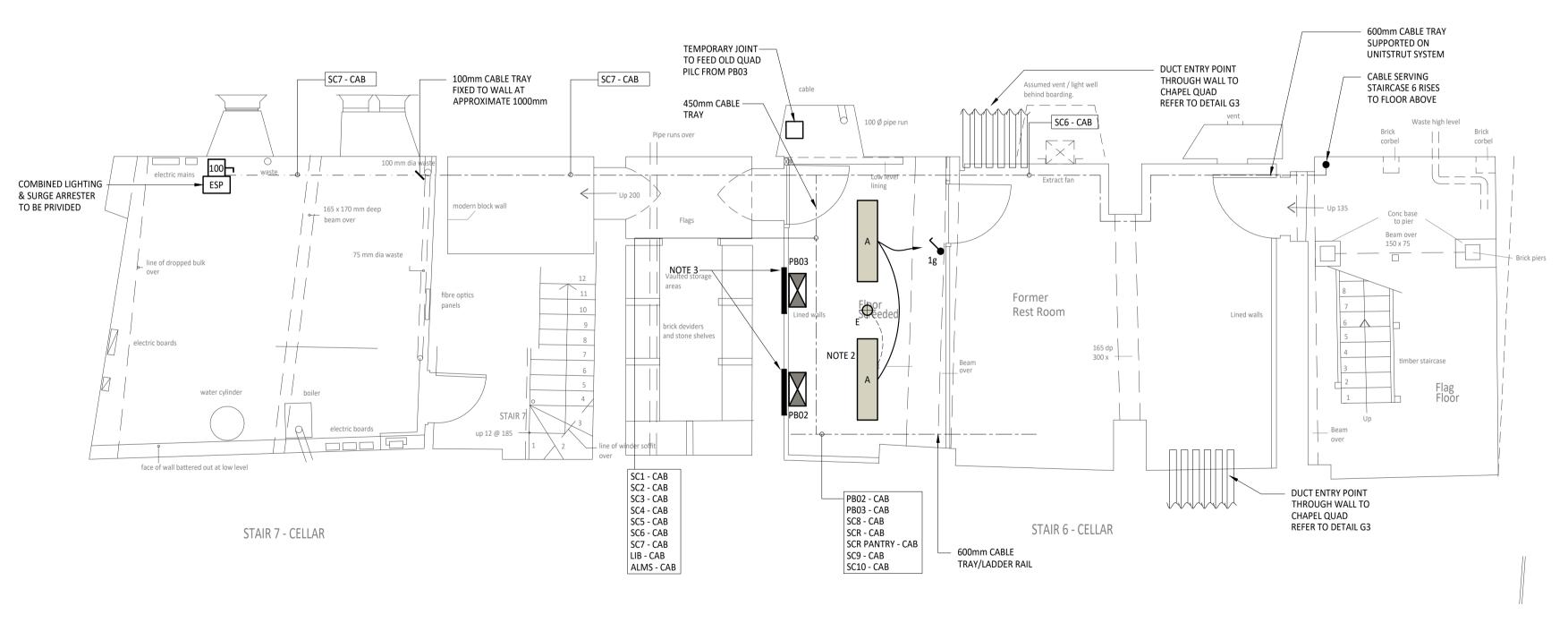
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