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Site address	Otterfield Road, West Drayton, UB7 8PE
Client	Bugler Developments
Brief	Audit of tree protection for development & excavation supervision
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Brief & Terms of Reference

I was instructed by Mr Michal Gwiazda on behalf of Bugler Developments to visit the site, assess the tree protection measures and provide Arboricultural Clerk of Works services during the excavation in the highway as per the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement.

The site visit occurred on the 2nd June at 10:30am.

Background

Reference to:

Condition 24 of the London Borough of Hillingdon's planning decision 76795/APP/2023/2503

The Arboricultural Method Statement that I drafted in November 2024 and that was approved by Arun Council (ref: MW.2411.OWD.AMS).

Notes/Observations

Variation to approved tree protection

- Tree protection barriers and ground protection matting have been installed within the site under the off-site trees T6 & T7.
- It is clear from the excavations adjacent to the above area that there are substantial foundations from the old swimming pool running along the northwestern boundary. These restrict all root ingress into the site (see appended photos).



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- Therefore, it is now proposed to submit this memo as a variation to condition 24, to remove the need for tree protection matting in that area.

Tree Surgery

- The crowns of T6 & T7 will be cut back to clear the new building by 2m, allowing scaffolding to be erected.

Supervision

- As outlined in the Arboricultural Method Statement, I attended site to oversee excavation within the theoretical RPA of the off-site poplar tree.
- Excavation close to the tree (see photos) revealed no roots in the road make-up.
- I oversaw the first 2m of excavation and, as the substrate was clearly inhospitable to root growth, left the contractors to complete the work. Still being mindful of roots and to retain any greater than 25mm. None were found during the work.

Action Points

- Bugler Developments is to submit this memo to the local planning authority as a variation to Condition 24 to remove the need for tree protection (ground matting) within the site, and to demonstrate adherence to the Arboricultural Method Statement.
- Trees T6 & T7 are to be pruned back to give the new structure 2m clearance.
- I will oversee any further excavation in the highway to ensure compliance with the approved Arboricultural Method Statement.

Appendix 1: Photos

See following page



Historic foundations on NW boundary



Ground protection in place



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Work area



Trench excavations



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