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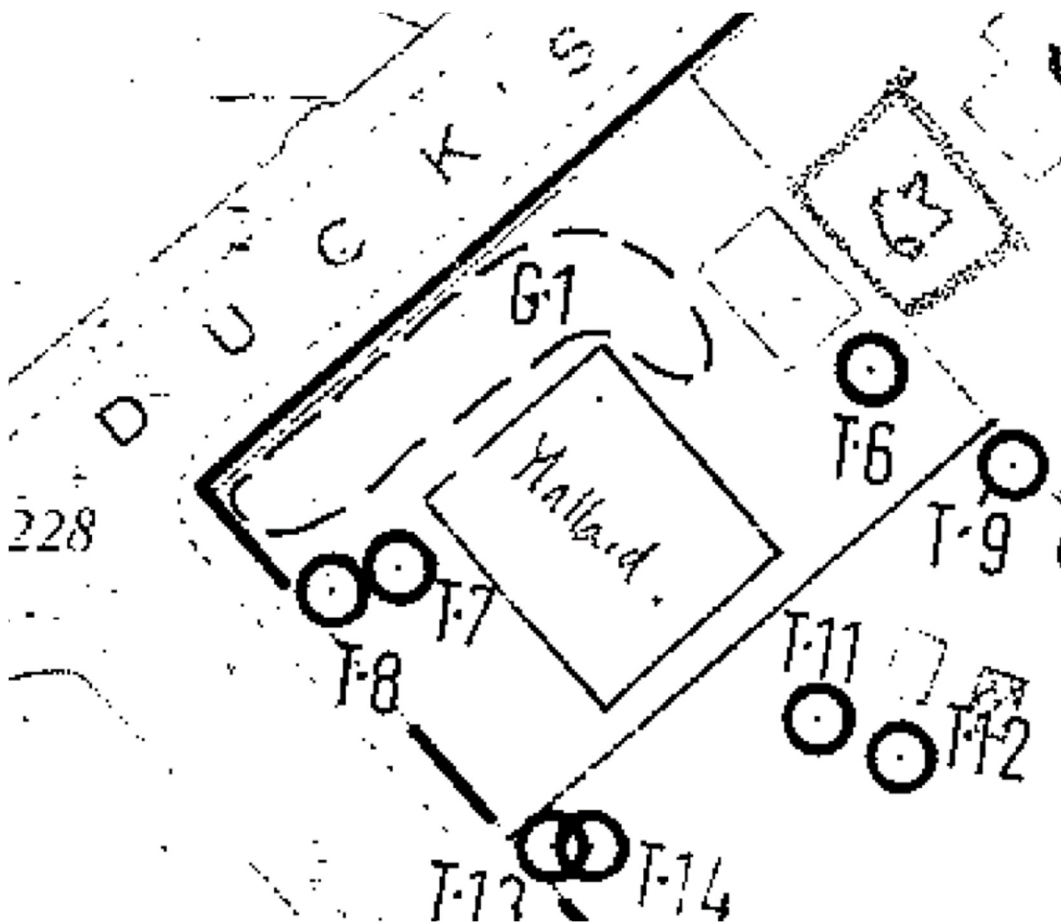
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Dear Mr Solanki,

RE: Trees at Mallards, Northgate, Northwood, HA6 2TJ

Thank you for sending me the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) information relating to the above site which was supplied to you by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) via email on the 11th June 2024.

The plan excerpt from this TPO pertaining to your property 'Mallards' is shown below:



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I have looked at the tree schedule from the TPO and have listed the species of the trees in or near your property:

G1 = 8 sycamores and 1 ash
T6 = Gum tree
T7 = Gum tree
T8 = Cupressus
T9 = Ash
T11 = Blue Cedar
T13 = Flowering plum
T14 = Hawthorn

After assessing the trees on site and looking at the TPO document I note that the following trees are no longer present:

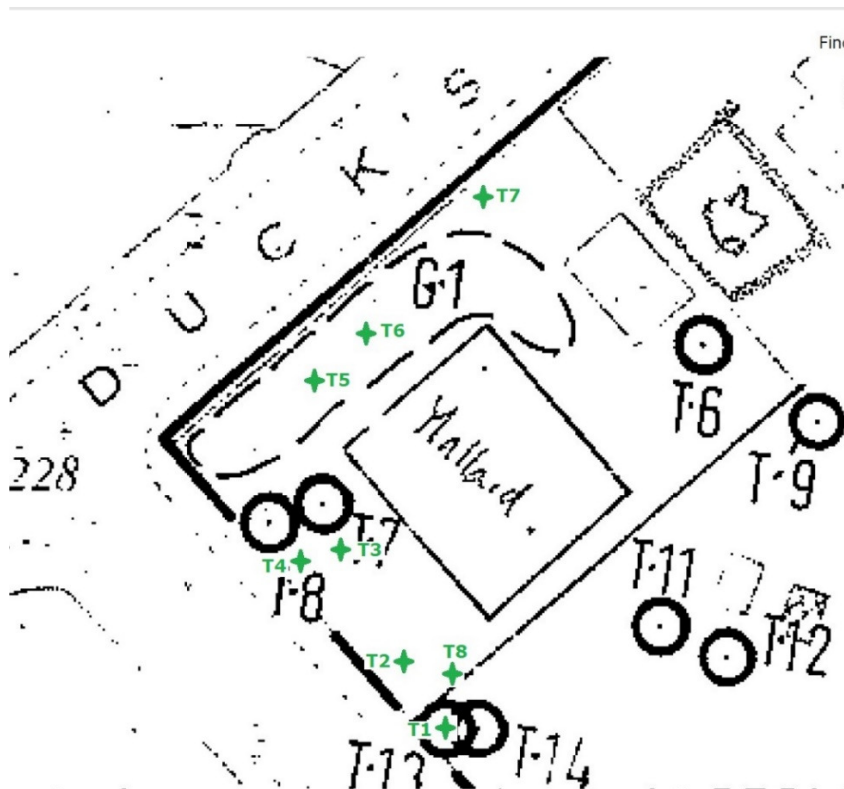
The sycamore trees in G1 (approved for removal as noted in the TPO but no date is given), T2, T3, T6 (approved for removal in 1982), T7, T9 (4m stump remains and is visible) T11 and T14.

The stumps of some sycamore trees in G1 are still present and I estimate they were felled in the last 10 to 15 years and they seem to be present in 2006 according to Google Earth historic photos, but these are somewhat unclear.

T8 is still present I believe, but the location may be erroneous on the TPO document.

My experience with older TPOs is that they are often out of date which will explain why some trees are no longer present without any note of this in the TPO.

I also undertook my own tree survey to include all trees on the site including those that are remaining from the TPO as well as any other trees present. These are shown over the TPO plan with my numbering in green as shown below (**Please note that whilst I have used a T prefix as is normal for tree surveys this does not have any link to the TPO**):



The details of the trees in green are outlined in the schedule below. This also outlines their TPO status based on the information supplied by the LPA:

Tree Number	Tree Name (species)	Ht (m)	Comments on condition of tree	TPO Status
T1	Purple leaf plum	5	Off site - full inspection not possible. Some measurements estimated.	Assume T13 on TPO
T2	Cypress	6	Sparse crown noted. Major ivy dominates tree.	Not shown as TPO on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T3	Cypress	4	Small tree of limited value in the wider landscape.	Not shown as TPO on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T4	Cypress	6	Tree crown starting to obscure street camera (CCTV). Poor stem union at 0.5m. Topped heavily in past. Roots causing direct damage to driveway.	Assume T8 on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T5	Bird cherry	9	Previously crown reduced.	Not shown as TPO on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T6	Magnolia	4	Small tree of limited value in the wider landscape.	Not shown as TPO on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T7	Ash	23	Advanced signs of ash dieback. Significant crown dieback observed from ground level.	Assume part of G1 on TPO plan / document supplied by council.
T8	Apple	6	Small tree of limited value in the wider landscape.	Not shown as TPO on TPO plan / document supplied by council.

Therefore, based on the information we have been supplied by the LPA, the only TPOd trees now present are the Ash in TPO group 'G1' and TPO tree 'T8'. Any works to these would therefore require LPA consent. All other trees are not within the TPO so assuming the site is not within a Conservation Area as you confirmed, you can work on these without LPA consent.

I hope this is of assistance to you, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards



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For and on behalf of GHA Trees

