

CO Mr T Finch
Pennywood
Hollybush Ride
Wokingham
RG40 3QP

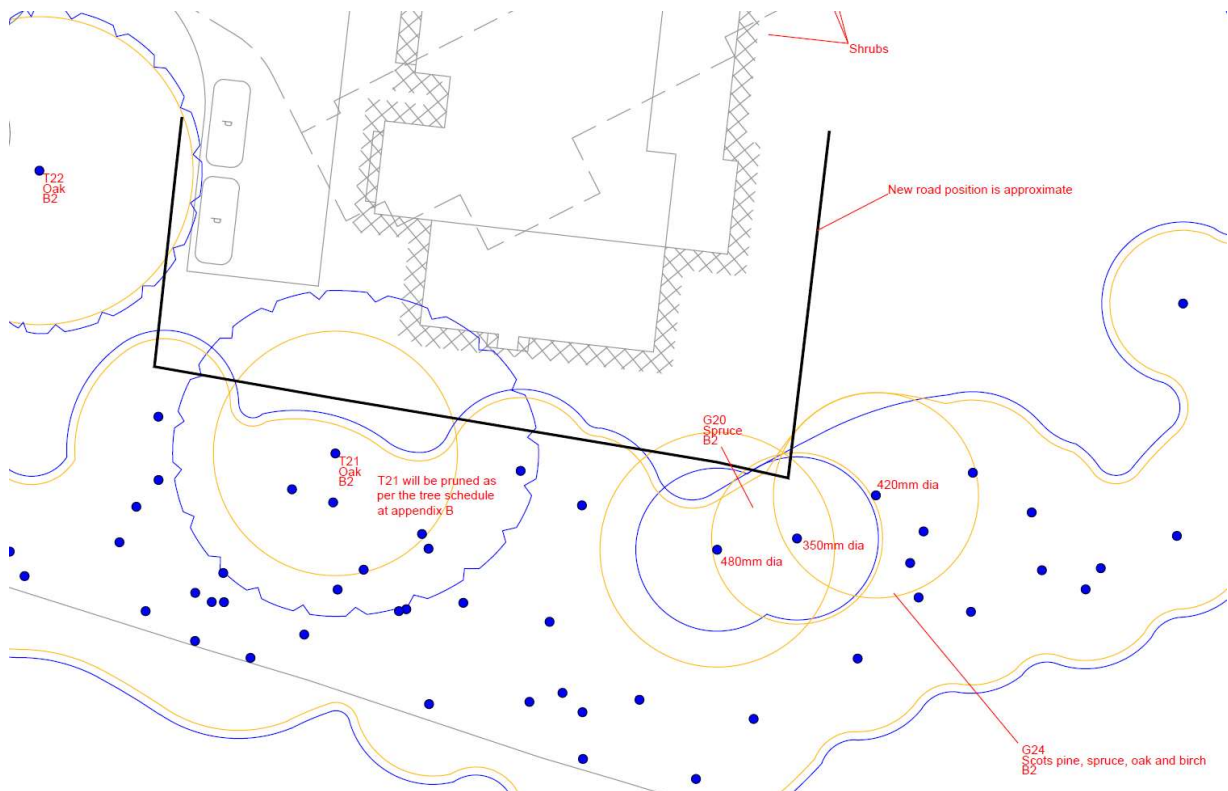
9th January 2025

Dear Mr Finch,

RE: Trees at Pennywood, Hollybush Ride, Wokingham, RG40 3QP

Thank you for your instruction to assess the new hard surfaced area at the above site and any possible impact from this structure on nearby trees. I revisited the site on the 24th December 2024 and can advise as follows.

The new hard surfaced area is within the RPAs of T21, T22 and some trees in G20 as shown on the plan below:



This structure was installed during June to August 2024 and given the range of the structure from the nearest trees, it is likely some small peripheral roots were severed to install this structure.

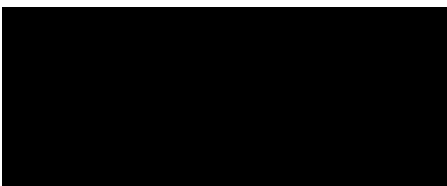
However, I do not consider the works will have had any long-term adverse impacts for the following reasons:

1. During my inspection, none of the affected trees were showing any signs of disease or decline in response to the works. However, I must point out that trees can take several years to manifest the signs of such damage so should be monitored for this period.
2. Given the age and vitality of the subject trees, the encroachments are not significant enough to have any long-term impact on their health or stability. I estimate the encroachments to be 22.5 % for T21 and 7.7% for the nearest tree in G24.
3. The trees have adequate space for compensatory growth to the south which exists as an undisturbed woodland belt which will provide a perfect environment for such new root growth. The loss of rooting area described in point 2 can therefore be quickly regained by the trees into this area to the south.
4. All of the trees are middle aged trees (ie none are older trees suffering from stress or other symptoms of old age) and therefore are equipped to deal with the root loss they have suffered.
5. The trees and the new hard surface area have now co-existed for ~7 months and the trees will now be adapting to the new environment. Removal now would not replenish any roots lost and would likely only cause further stress to the trees. Therefore, I do not consider the removal of the hard surfacing of any significant benefit.
6. I understand the new surface is not porous, however, I consider the site conditions will allow rainwater to reach the new adapted rooting areas unhindered.

I therefore conclude that whilst some root loss has inevitably occurred, this will not have any lasting impact on the nearby trees and that they will all be able to respond well and produce new roots to compensate. Furthermore, I do not consider the removal of the structure to be of any real benefit given the time that has passed since it was installed.

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

