

Veteran Trees – Supplementary Note

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The Wokingham Veteran Tree Associations records identify 4 Veteran Trees to the east of the site – Trees T3, T4, T5 and T7 (all Oaks) as identified in the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA). The AIA shows enlarged root protection areas for each of the trees with veteran status to enhance the extra protection requirements that these trees are afforded.

Of the Veteran Trees, only tree T5 is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

Trees T3, T4 and T7

Trees T3, T4 and T7 are all located beyond Hyde End Lane to the east. Neither their root protection areas (as enlarged) or canopies are shown to extend across to site. As such, no specific mitigation is identified as necessary for trees T3, T4 and T7.

Tree T5

Tree T5 is located between Hyde End Lane and the eastern boundary of the site. It sits on highway lane outside of the site boundary and is the responsibility of the Highway Authority. The tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

The root protection area of the tree, but not the canopy, is identified as extending across into the application site (Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Tree T5



The layout of the site has been designed to specifically exclude any buildings or hard surfaces within the identified root protection area of Tree T5. In addition, the Tree

Protection Plan includes appropriate exclusion/protection to the area during construction.

At this time, it is not envisaged that any works to reduce the canopy of the tree will be required to facilitate the primary school development and/or the safe use of the site thereafter. Consent for such works is not therefore being sought under this Reserved Matters planning application.

Tree T5 is subject to a TPO. Any future works to that tree, if identified as necessary, will require prior written consent from the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The LPA will be able to safeguard/preserve the tree and its veteran status through that process.