

TREE INSPECTION / REPORT

No. 2

THE WOODS

ROCHDALE

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Introduction

I have been contacted by Mr. M. Coppinger, the owner / occupier of No. 2 The Woods, Rochdale in relation to providing an inspection and subsequent report on a number of trees located in the rear garden of said property.

I understand this has been requested by the Local Authority as standard procedure in respect of proposed building works / alterations to existing properties and the impact trees may pose during and after completion of any new build.

In this case plans have been submitted for a proposed single storey extension to the side of No. 2 The Woods which extends forward of the existing property into the rear garden. The trees in question form part of a Tree Preservation Order confirmed by Rochdale MBC in 1986 - this being known as TPO No. 88 with the trees being included in area A2 of this TPO.

The existing detached property is of brick construction, approximately 35 years old.

Tree inspection

The visual inspection was carried out from ground level on 29/09/2022 in bright weather conditions. The approximate position of the trees have been highlighted on the location plan provided, these being plotted for information purposes only. Each tree has been numbered and relates to those indicated in the following report:

T1 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)

Approx: height - 16m

Approx: crown spread - 8m

Girth circumference at 1m - 1.97m

Large mature specimen in good condition. Located approximately 3m from corner of proposed extension. Unbalanced canopy extending over roof of existing property with lower canopy clear of structure. Crown in full leaf with lush growth and forming dense canopy with T2. No evidence of major root activity towards existing property and no disturbance of paved patio area.

T2 - Lime (Tilia cordata)

Approx: height - 16/18m

Approx: crown spread - 7/8m

Girth circumference at 1m - 1.95m

Large mature specimen in good condition.

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Located approximately 1.45m from T1. Main stem deviates at lower canopy forming unbalanced crown structure. Crown in full leaf with lush growth forming one canopy with T1. No evidence of major root activity causing disturbance.

T3 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)

Approx: height - 16m

Approx: crown spread - 8m

Girth circumference at 1m - 1.86m

Large mature specimen in good condition with dense healthy canopy. No evidence of major root activity causing disturbance. Located approximately 5m from front corner of proposed extension.

Conclusion and recommendations

Having viewed the proposed plans it appears the growing location of T1 may impact slightly on the building works with the foundation slab being within the zone of influence of the tree. However it appears the depth of the slab does not exceed 350mm. Although not ideal the extent of work should not be detrimental to T1 providing that adequate care is taken within this area. This should include manual excavation work of the slab with any exposed roots cut back cleanly to minimise damage to the remaining root system. Protective fencing should be erected as a barrier on the grassed area to avoid the possibility of storage of materials and mixing of concrete etc. Guidelines relating to building work can be found in BS 5837 : 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - recommendations.

Pruning work may also be considered to T1 to compensate for any root severance and encourage regrowth of the canopy.

Regarding the growing location of T2 and T3, both trees should not impact on the development

I trust this information will be useful.

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