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Report for

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Rochdale, OL12 7RB

As requested, please see the completed tree report, as discussed this offers no guarantees as trees are living organisms and can fail at any time. We would also like to advise that no indemnity or insurance cover is offered. This report is in "my opinion" only and covers only the trees that have been inspected.

T1 – Sycamore is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The order reference is currently unknown.

Local authority; Rochdale.

Location

Side of The Old Library, Norden.



Work provided

Site visit, arboricultural inspection, photography, report, and quotation.
All trees have been thoroughly inspected and only the tree with any defects or concerns have been noted.

Proposed Works

The applicant, is seeking consent to undertake arboricultural management works to the following protected tree:

T1 – Sycamore

The proposed works comprise:

- **Crown lift:** Selectively remove low-growing branches and newer growth below the first major structural branch, achieving approximately 4.5 metres clearance above ground level. The first major structural branch will be retained.
- **Lateral crown reduction:** Reduce the lateral branches growing towards the new development by approximately 2–3 metres, measured from their existing branch tips, pruning back to suitable lateral growth points.

The reduction will be confined to the branches extending towards the development. No reduction in the overall height of the tree is proposed.

All works will be undertaken in accordance with **BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations** and current recognised arboricultural best practice.

Reason for Works

The tree owner and the neighbouring development party have agreed that T1 should be retained. The proposed pruning provides a proportionate approach to managing the relationship between the protected tree and the new development.

The crown lift will improve clearance beneath the canopy through the selective removal of lower growth, whilst retaining the first major structural branch and the established framework of the crown.

Reducing the lateral branches extending towards the development by approximately 2–3 metres will reduce canopy encroachment and improve separation between the tree and the development, whilst retaining the tree's principal structure and landscape contribution.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment

The proposed works are selective and intended to retain the tree's natural form, principal branch structure and amenity value.

Crown lifting will focus on newer and smaller-diameter lower growth, avoiding unnecessary removal of established structural branches. The lateral reduction will be undertaken back to suitable growth points, maintaining an appropriate branch framework and avoiding excessive pruning.

The extent of pruning will be confined to that necessary to achieve the specified clearance and reduction. Subject to appropriate pruning cuts and implementation in accordance with BS3998:2010, the works are intended to remain compatible with the tree's continued retention.

Retaining Wall

The retaining wall adjacent to T1 is currently being reinstated. Both parties have agreed that the Sycamore will be retained, and this application relates to the proposed crown lifting and lateral branch reduction to improve clearance around the new development.

Tree Ownership and TPO Identification

T1 is owned by The Old Library, and this application is submitted in their name, with Special Branch Tree Surgery acting as their agent.

The tree is identified as T1 on the accompanying location plan and photographs.

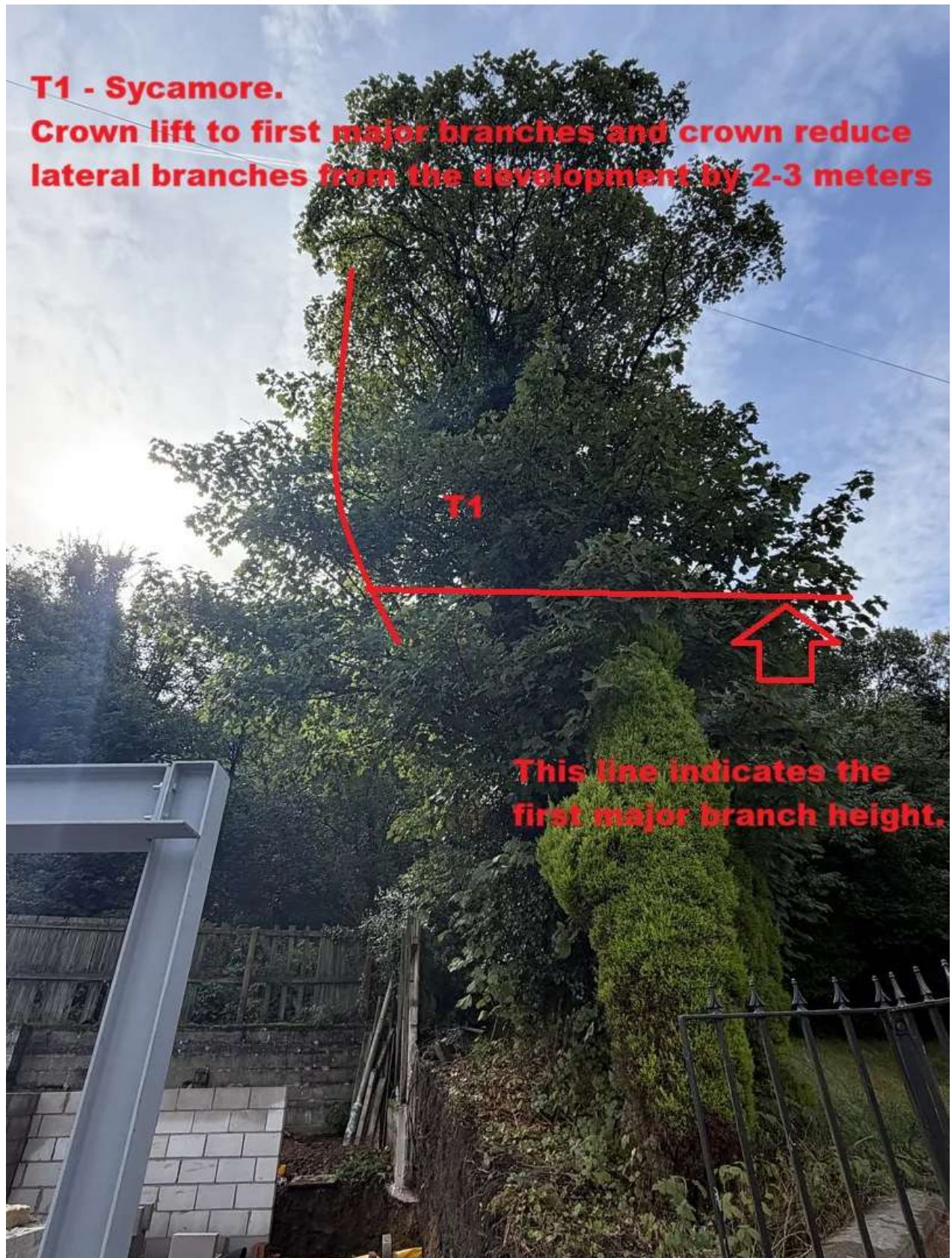
Both parties have agreed to the retention of the Sycamore. Consent is sought for the specified pruning works, which will only be undertaken following written approval from the local planning authority and in accordance with any conditions imposed.

Conclusion

The proposed works to T1 – Sycamore comprise selective crown lifting below the first major structural branch and a reduction of approximately 2–3 metres to lateral branches extending towards the new development. These works are intended to improve clearance and reduce encroachment whilst retaining the protected tree, its principal structure and its contribution to the surrounding landscape.

All works will be undertaken in accordance with BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations and current recognised arboricultural best practice.

It is respectfully requested that consent is granted for the proposed works.





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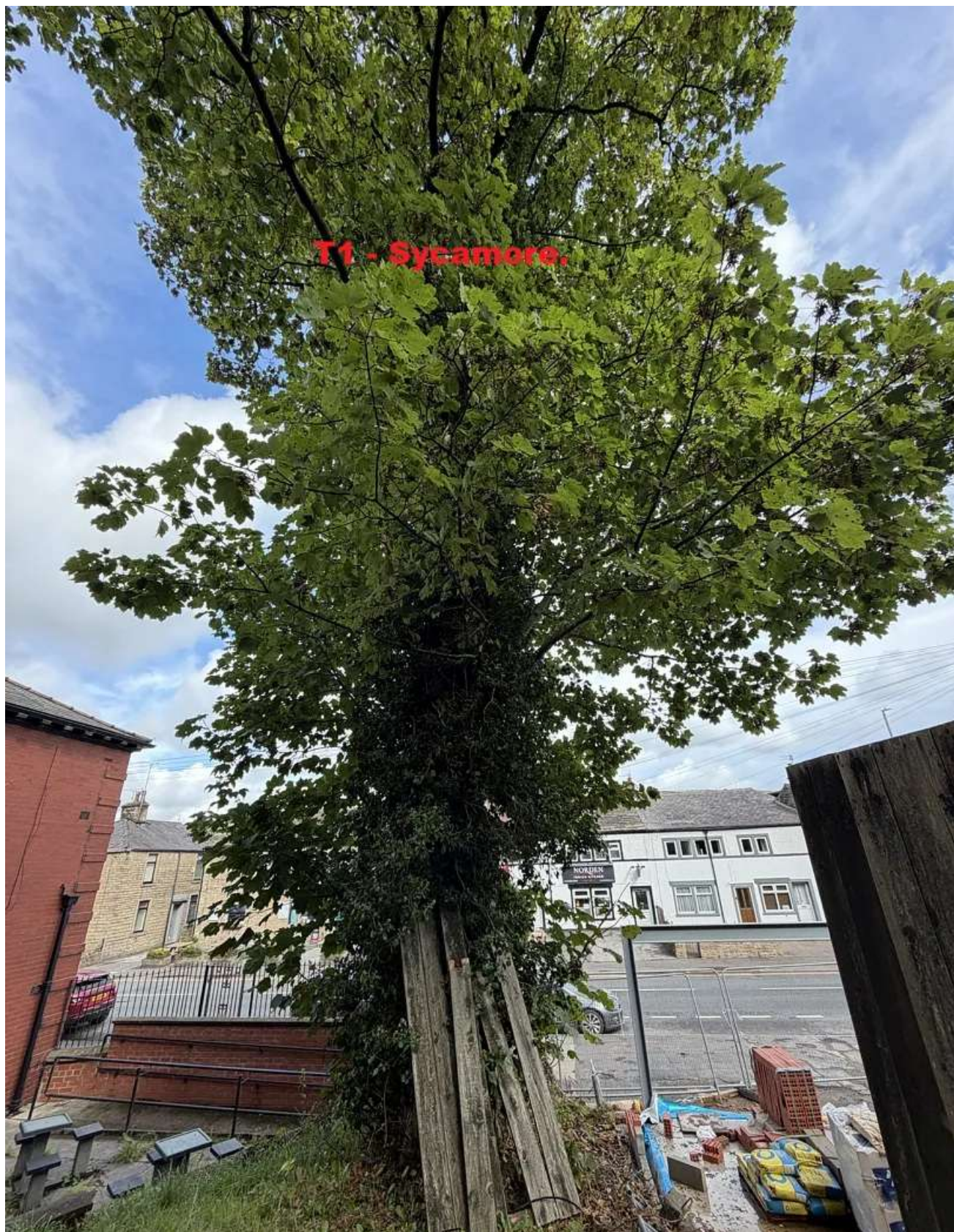
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