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Tree report P/2015/0705

From: Steve [mailto:shields.arbconsult@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 04 December 2015 15:34
To: Nick Bateman; Steve Davies; Andrew Garner
Cc: Elton Watson; Philip Forster; Rachael Fenton
Subject: RE: Gwenfro school

Dear All,

During my site visit this morning, instructed by Andrew, following the excavation of a gas pipe trench it was established that 4 trees were damaged by the work.

An open trench of approximately 300mm x 600mm has been excavated, using a mechanical digger around part of the proposed development site. The trench has encroached into the root protection areas of 4 trees (T7, 8, 9 & 10 on the arboricultural plan) of which 3 are indicated as being retained post development. Unfortunately the work has caused substantial damage to the root system of 3 trees, T7, 8 & 9 severing and shattering very large structural roots to a point where the stability of these trees has been significantly affected and they are considered very unsafe. A QTRA risk assessment score of 0.004 (Very High Risk) was calculated for T7, 8 & 9. Given that the trees are in a primary school and adjacent to the highway, It was agreed that Elton Watson would make arrangements for these trees to be removed without delay and seek to recover the cost of this operation from Wynne Construction.

Tree 10 has been damaged but to a lesser extent and its immediate stability is not affected to the same degree (QTRA 4 High Risk). It was agreed that attempts to retain this tree would be made and this would include improving the root zone around the tree to encourage and support the growth of new roots and undertaking a crown reduction to address stability issues. To mitigate the impact associated with the loss of the 2 trees and the reduction of the third tree from the front of the site, it is proposed that 3 new trees of substantial size 18 – 20 cm girth, will be planted at the front of the site.

I will now prepared a brief report outlining what has happened, the reasons that the trees cannot now be retained and covering the mitigation and replanting works proposed. This will be with you all by Monday morning so that Philip can take it to the planning committee if required.

I hope this put everyone in the picture, please contact me if you need any further information.

Best wishes

Steve

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From: Nick Bateman
Sent: 03 December 2015 15:06

To: Steve Davies;Andrew Garner
Cc: Elton Watson;Philip Forster;Rachael Fenton;Steve
Subject: FW: Gwenfro school

Hi Steve,

Just received the below email from Phil in planning regarding the excavation works for the diverted gas main, by the sounds of it they have excavated within the root protection area compromising the roots to two of the tree trees to the Queensway boundary.

Can you please confirm if this is the case as these trees are to be maintained but may now have been damaged.

Thanks,

Nick

From: Philip Forster
Sent: 03 December 2015 14:25
To: Nick Bateman
Cc: Elton Watson
Subject: Gwenfro school

Hi Nick,

Can you give me a ring. Elton was driving past the site earlier today and has noticed that some trees have been damaged across the site frontage as a result of a trench for the laying of a gas main. I need to go out at 3 but will be in tomorrow.

I'm not sure whether any of the trees impacted are any of those identified for retention and protection in Steve Shields' latest TPP GPA/TPP/05/15/01. We need to be careful as this is going to Committee on Monday. Elton is concerned that some trees have been severely harmed.

Elton – I've attached the latest tree report for your info.

Phil

Philip Forster

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