

LNOCWW Tree Survey

Significant Findings

No individual trees of major landscape significance (Category A trees) were identified.

However, there are various trees along the southern boundary of the site that are of significant collective value. Therefore, efforts should be made to retain as many of these trees as possible, where they have been categorised as B/C or higher. However, there are also many trees along this boundary which are in poor condition. Also, consideration needs to be given to competition between the better trees and their space requirements to allow further development. Therefore, comprehensive management proposals should be sought for these trees.

Within the site, most of the trees are fruit species, of poor condition and negligible value, and sporadic plantings of maple and Lombardy poplar. Some of the maples are in reasonable condition and could be retained, if compatible with development proposals, but their capacity to self-seed should be taken into account, especially if less formal naturalistic landscapes are planned. The vulnerability of poplars to wind-snap should be borne in mind, if retention of these is contemplated.

Use of the Survey Results

The construction exclusion zones shown on the tree survey drawings should be used to guide layout planning in relation to higher grade trees. In addition, factors such as overshadowing, which will extend beyond the exclusion zones, should be taken into account in relation to gardens and windows of proposed buildings.

Following layout planning, any conflict with the exclusions zones of Category C trees should be noted and allowance / provision made for their removal, unless arboricultural advice indicates that there are feasible measures available to safeguard their retention.