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Hi Matthew,

Following my discussion with Ines this afternoon and re-assessment of the submitted information I can confirm that the specialist above ground engineering proposed within the minimum recommended root protection areas of trees T36 and T37 (highlighted in point 5 of Ines original response) is just within the tolerance threshold (20% of unsurfaced Root protection area) designated within the BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – recommendations.

Whilst I raise no significant arboricultural concerns in respect of impacts on tree rooting from the proposed no-dig construction, at the proximity proposed and the height clearance requirement that this incurs, the Leyland Cypress (T36) will require some quite significant branch removal/pruning. It is unlikely that these works will lead to a rapid decline of the tree however, its longer term retention may be less desirable if its form and visual amenity is significantly affected. Some longer term control of planting in mitigation of its potential loss may be considered appropriate to maintain screening to adjacent properties.

Regards

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