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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9 ASTER DRIVE
KIRKBY
KNOWSLEY
L33 ISW

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 We Know Services were instructed by Mrs Karen Fahey to carry out an arboricultural survey of trees adjacent to 9 Aster Drive, Kirkby.
- 1.2 This report details the arboricultural implications of the proposed extension, including:
 - A survey of the trees on and near the proposed extension which may impact the proposal- from ground level, noting their location, species and all relevant parameters, i.e. stem diameter, height, crown spread, condition etc.
 - A tree schedule.
 - Advice on the removal, retention and management of trees.
 - Assessment of the potential effects of the proposal on retained trees and vice versa.
 - Assessment of the requirement for tree protection for the duration of the works.
 - A mitigation proposal for any loss.
- 1.3 The survey was carried out on 10th March 2021 by means of inspection from ground level by an experienced and qualified arboriculturalist. The inspection can be restricted in cases where trees were Ivy clad or surrounded by vegetation.
- 1.4 Under *BS5837: 2012 Trees in Relation to Construction - Recommendations*, the assessment of trees is made objectively. The tree categorisation method identifies the quality and value of the existing tree stock, allowing informed decisions to be made concerning design layout.
- 1.5 The survey was carried out noting the conditions of the trees at the time of inspection. As trees are part of the natural environment, conditions can naturally change; therefore the contents of this report are valid for one year only. After this period, re-inspection may be required.

2.0 Survey Methodology

- 2.1 The trees were surveyed (prefixed T, or G for group) and recorded in the tree schedule in Appendix 1.0. Where groups are recorded, average height and diameter at breast height (DBH) of the trees in the group are reported. Where access to the base of any trees was limited, stem size was estimated.
- 2.2 All the trees were assessed using: a grading A to C (retention) and U (removal); condition and age class as defined in Appendix 2.0.

2.3 Where appropriate, canopy spread for each tree was recorded at four cardinal points in order to reproduce an accurate representation of the crown shape of the tree on the tree plan in Appendix 3.0.

2.4 The survey included all trees within the proposal area and trees near to the proposal.

3.0 Proposals and Impact Assessment

3.1 The site layout plan within Appendix 3.0 identifies the trees in relation to the proposed extension.

3.2 In order to fully assess the impact of the proposals an Impact Table (**Table 3.1**) has been created detailing each tree, which shows the proximity of the associated works.

3.3 This can then be assessed in accordance with BS 5837:2012 to determine whether proposals will have a detrimental impact on the health of each tree. Once this has been determined remedial measures can be detailed to reduce the impact the proposals will have on the treescape.

Table 3.1: Impact Table

Tree No.	Root Protection Area identified in table 2 of BS5837:2012		Distance to proposed extension (m)	Can the tree/s be successfully retained?
	Area (m ²)	Equal to a circle with radius (m)		
T1	22	2.64	4.0	Yes
T2	28	3.0	2.0	Yes
T3	35	3.36	3.8	Yes
T4	18	2.4	6.5	Yes
T5	18	2.4	7.8	Yes
T6	10	1.8	9.0	Yes

Table 3.2: Impact Assessment

	Trees to be retained		Trees to be removed	
	With no impact	With detailed construction	Due to condition	Due to proposals
Tree No.	T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 and T6	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.0 Conclusions and Arboricultural Recommendations

- 4.1 The tree categorisation method identifies the quality and value of the existing tree stock but it is not meant to be interpreted rigidly and is presented in order to form a balanced judgement on tree retention and removal.
- 4.2 As the scope of the proposed works and extent of the site are small-scale, it is not deemed appropriate to install tree protection fencing or ground protection measures. A precautionary method of working near trees is detailed in the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement.
- 4.3 It is concluded that the proposed extension will not have an adverse impact on trees adjacent to the property.

Appendix 1.0

Tree Survey Schedule

TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE

Arboricultural Data Sheet: 9 Aster Drive, Kirkby					Date of Survey: 10/03/2021					Surveyor: Nicola Wallbank			
Tree No.	Species	DBH (mm)	Height (m)	Age	Crown Spread (m)				Crown clearance	Condition rating	Comments	Estimated remaining contribution	Tree quality category rating
					N	E	S	W					
T1	Elder	220	4.0	M	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.0	1	Individual self-seeded specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Limited inspection but trees appears to be sound based on crown signs	10+	C1
T2	Sorbus	250	8.0	SM	1.0	2.5	1.0	2.0	1.0	1	Co-dominant specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Tree is sound and functioning well. Roots unlikely to extend into application site due to exiting hard standing and difference in levels	10+	C1
T3	Cherry	280	6.5	SM	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1	Co-dominant specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Tree is sound and functioning well	10+	C1
T4	Cypress	200	6.5	EM	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.25	1	Co-dominant specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Limited inspection but trees appears to be sound based on crown signs	10+	C1
T5	Eucalyptus	200	6.5	Y	1.5	1.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1	Co-dominant specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Limited inspection but trees appears to be sound based on crown signs	10+	C1
T6	Holly	150	5.0	EM	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.25	1	Individual specimen situated off-site in the adjacent garden. Limited inspection but trees appears to be sound based on crown signs	10+	C1

Appendix 2.0

Tree Survey Key

Arboricultural Impact Assessment- 9 Aster drive, Kirkby, Knowsley, L33 1SW

Trees for removal			
Category and definition		Criteria	
Category U Those in such a condition that any existing value would be lost within 10 years and which should, in the current context, be removed for reasons of sound arboricultural management		Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other R category trees (i.e. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning) Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby (e.g. Dutch elm disease), or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality Note – Habitat reinstatement may be appropriate (e.g. R category tree used as a bat roost: installation of bat box in nearby tree).	
Trees to be considered for retention			
Category and definition		Criteria - Subcategories	
		1 Arboriculture values	2 Landscape values
		3 Conservation values	
Category A Those of high quality and value: in such a condition as to be able to make a substantial contribution (a minimum 40 years is suggested)		Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual, or essential components of groups, or of formal or semi-formal arboriculture features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands which provide a definite screening or softening effect to the locality in relation to views into or out of the site, or those of particular visual importance (e.g. avenues or other arboricultural features assessed as groups)
Category B Those of moderate quality and value: those in such a condition as to make a significant contribution (a minimum of 20 years is suggested)		Trees that might be included in the high category, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and minor storm damage)	Trees present in numbers, usually as groups or woodlands, such that they form distinct landscape features, thereby attracting a higher collective rating than they might as individuals but which are not, individually, essential components of formal or semi-formal arboriculture features (e.g. trees of moderate quality within avenue that includes better, A category specimens), or trees situated mainly internally to the site, therefore individually having little impact on the wider locality
Category C Those of low quality and value: currently in adequate condition to remain until new planting could be established (a minimum of 10 years is suggested), or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm		Trees not qualifying in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater landscape value, and/or trees offering low or only temporary screening benefit
		Note - Whilst C category trees will usually not be retained where they would impose a significant constraint on development, young trees with a stem diameter of less than 150 mm should be considered for relocation	

Age Class

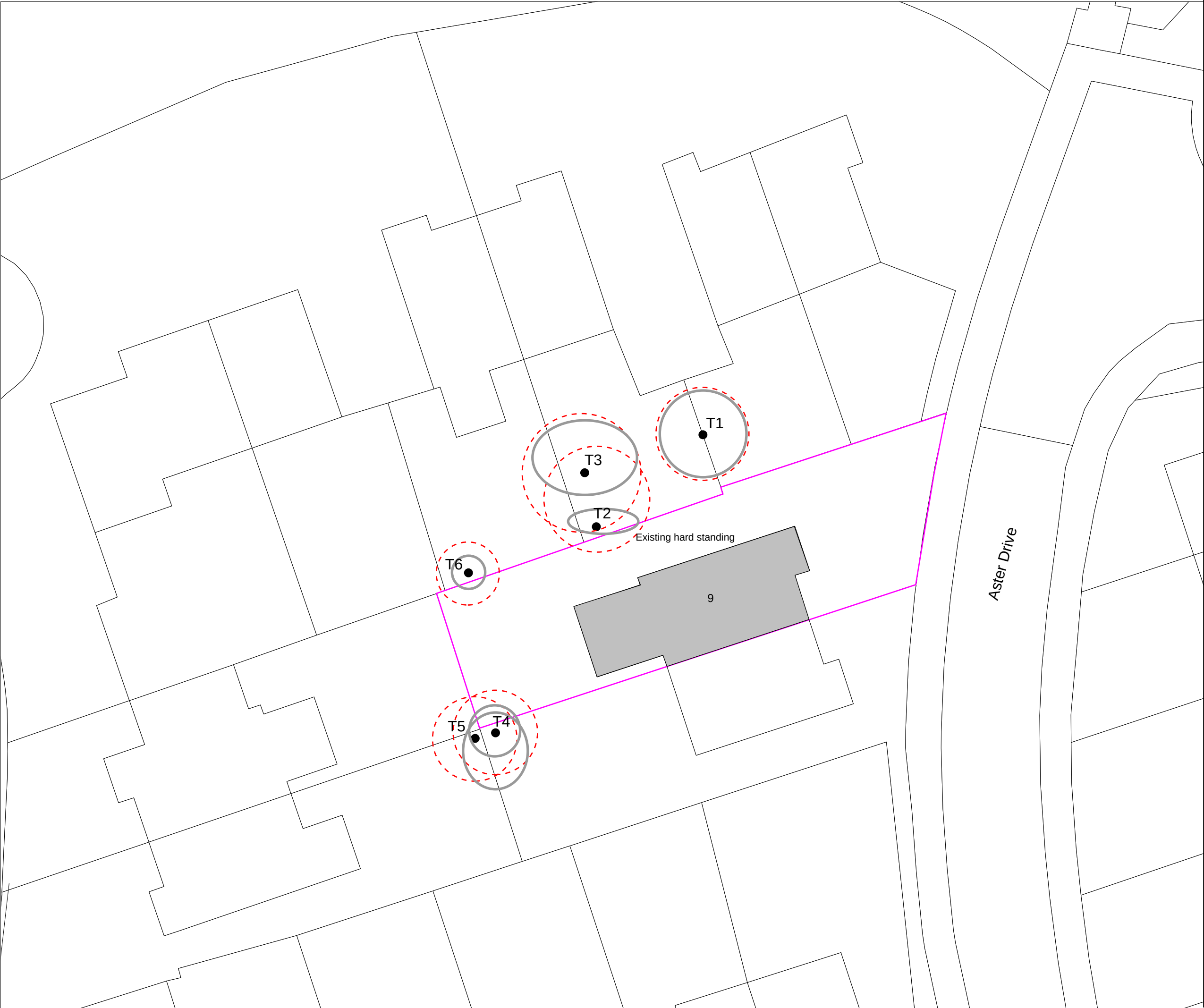
Y	Young	Trees that have not yet established
SM	Semi-Mature	Established trees up to 1/3 of expected height and crown
EM	Early mature	Between 1/3 and 2/3 expected height and crown
M	Mature	Between 2/3 and full expected height and crown
FM	Fully Mature	Full expected height and crown
OM	Over-Mature	Crown beginning to break up and decrease in size
S	Senescent	Crown in advanced stage of break-up

Condition

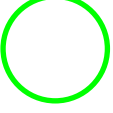
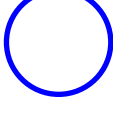
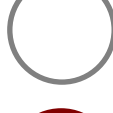
1	Good
2	Fair
3	Poor
4	Dead

Appendix 3.0

Plans



KEY:

-  Root Protection Area
-  Category A
-  Category B
-  Category C
-  Category U

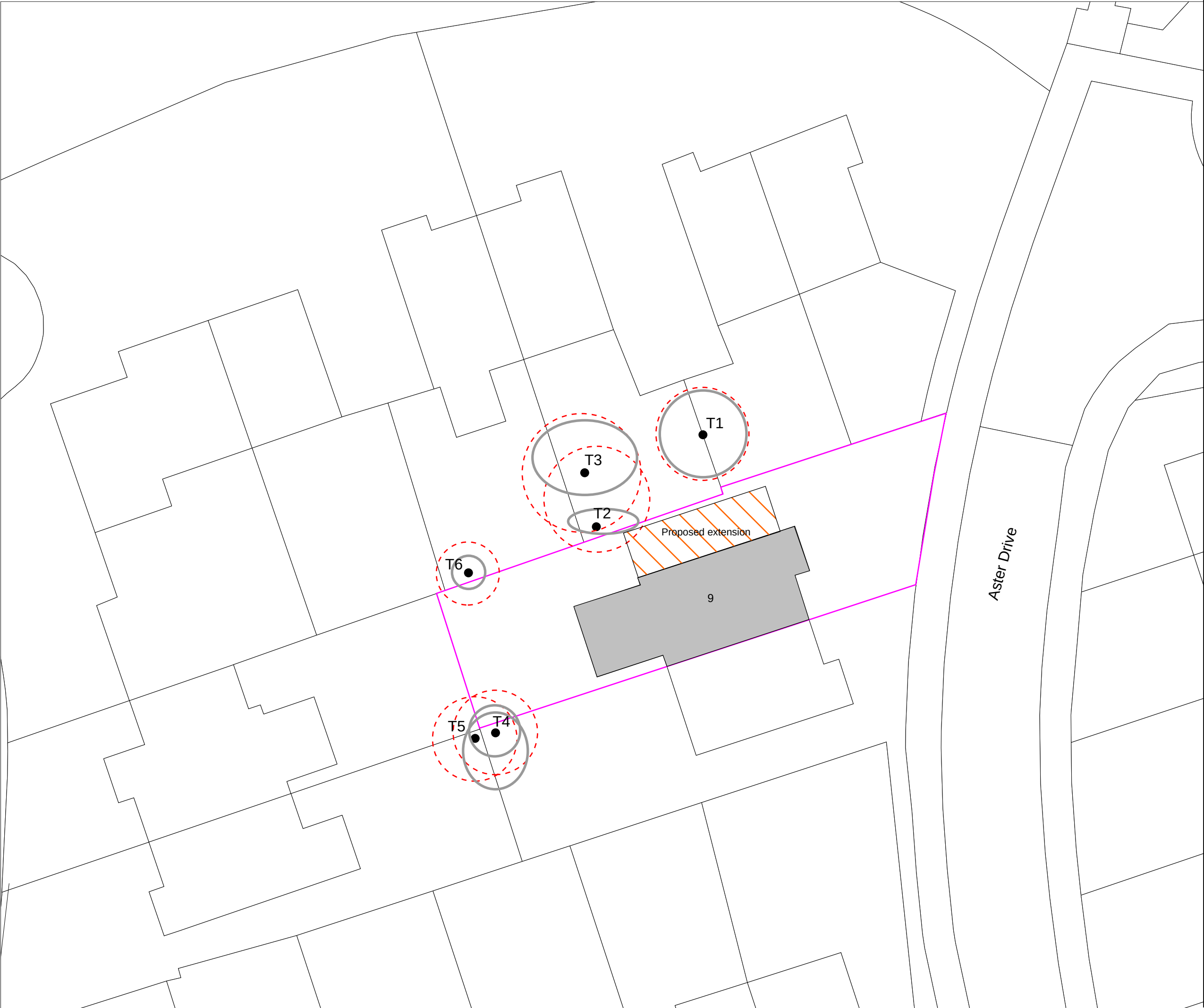
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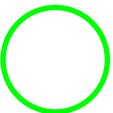
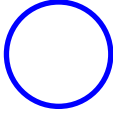
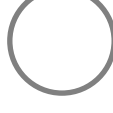
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