

40 Cilmaengwyn Pontardawe SA8 4QL



Site Visit: Monday 4th October 2021

The trees to the east of the site are predominantly common ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and common alder (*Alnus glutinosa*); the ash trees in this area are all in various stages of ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*).

The trees growing adjacent to the eastern site boundary are separated from the site by a retaining wall. The retaining wall will have prevented any encroachment from tree roots into the site. In addition, the majority of the site is concreted and is in use as a car park which will have further prevented any root encroachment. It is likely that all ground within the site has been heavily compacted by repeated vehicle movements and even if the retaining wall was not in situ it would be unlikely that there has been any substantial root encroachment into the site.

Some pits have been dug within the site which contain no signs of any tree roots.

The proposed building will be a steel frame with shuttering on pad foundations. These foundations would have a minimal effect on the roots if any roots were to be present and are often recommended for use in root protection areas. The building will be of single storey construction and will not have an adverse effect on any adjacent trees.

As the retaining wall will have prevented any root incursion into the site I do not feel that this site requires a tree survey as no trees will be impacted by this development.



Site entrance looking east



Retaining wall



Retaining wall



Ash dieback



Existing pits on site

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APPROXIMATE LOCATION
OF PITS

RETAINING WALL

TREE GROUP