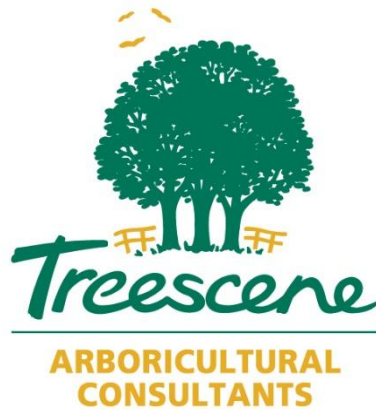




**Arboricultural Mitigation
and
Tree Recovery Scheme
for
Oak Tree T3,
24 Parkend,
Langstone,
Newport**

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1. BRIEF

I have been instructed by Ms. Antonella Mariani of RA Architects to prepare an Arboricultural Mitigation and Tree Recovery Scheme in accordance with Condition 5 of the planning permission.

2. TREE T3

The tree in question is described as tree T3 in the Treescene pre-development Tree Survey dated 14/05/2026.

3. TREE INSPECTION

Tree T3 was first inspected on 13/05/2026 and the findings reported in the Treescene Tree Survey 14/05/2026. The May 2026 inspection, undertaken prior to the hot, dry summer of 2026, found that the tree was generally in fair condition but exhibited some accumulation of dead wood on the southern side of the crown which may be associated with historical excavation on the southern side of the Root Protection Area (RPA), undertaken to facilitate the installation of a retaining wall.

A second inspection of tree T3 was undertaken on Tuesday 01/09/2026 following 3 months of hot, dry weather. The tree appeared to be in the same condition as that when inspected in May 2026, namely;

- a) A triple-stemmed tree of good form and reasonable vigour.
- b) Evidence of historical excavation on southern side of RPA (see attached image 0523).
- c) No evidence of any significant defects, cavities or fungal infection at base.
- d) Some evidence of slight thinning and dieback of foliage in outer crown (see attached images 0521 and 0524).
- e) Some minor accumulation of dead wood on southern side of crown (see attached image 0522).

There did not appear to be any decline in condition between May and September, in spite of the challenging climatic conditions for tree health during those three months, and therefore it is concluded that the tree has not been significantly adversely impacted upon by the excavation works in relation to the installation of the retaining wall.

4. MEASURES TO PROMOTE IMPROVEMENTS IN TREE CONDITION

A Treescene Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) 09/2026 has been prepared in relation to the development proposal. It is imperative that the recommended measures are installed to ensure that the tree is suitably physically protected during construction works.

The installation of a 50mm layer of well-composted mulch throughout the RPA of this tree would possibly be beneficial to root growth conditions but the northern half of the RPA is productive agricultural land and the southern half is landscaped amenity space, so this potential proposal would not be compatible with current land use. Similarly, soil amelioration within the RPA is not a practical option due to the land use. Given the dry weather throughout the summer of 2026 and the seeming lack of ill-effects in this regard it is not considered necessary to undertake any irrigation within the RPA at this point in time. In my view, attempts at adding fertilisers, whether organic or not, within the RPA of tree T3 might be harmful to the future health of this specimen.

5. TIMETABLE

The recommended tree pruning works (incorporated within the Treescene Tree Survey 14/05/2026) to remove unstable dead wood extending over target areas should be implemented as soon as possible.

The tree protection measures detailed in the AMS/TPP should be installed prior to the commencement of any construction activity on site.

6. MONITORING

The Treescene AMS 09/2026 recommends six monthly tree inspections, including tree T3, in relation to the site every 6 months for a period of two years following completion of construction works. It is recommended the inspections are undertaken in December/January and July/August and that a photographic record of the condition of the tree is obtained at the time of inspection. Thereafter a final annual inspection in July/August 2029 should be undertaken. The condition of the tree on each inspection should be reported to the Local Planning Authority Tree Officer along with the photographic record and, if deemed necessary, recommendations for any remedial works to improve the health and safety of tree T3.

Images

Image 0521



Image 0522



Image 0523



Image 0524

