



The Eardley Update

As reported previously in our newsletter, we are frequently surprised by receiving rather unusual commissions. The latest has been an extension of our tree survey work. With the dry conditions in the summer of 2006, there has been a rash of subsidence claims with the inevitable vilification of every tree within 50m of a typical property. Often these trees are located in conservation areas or are covered by TPO's. In these cases loss adjusters and homeowners are seeking advice on what remedial works might be taken to reduce, if not eliminate, a tree's impact on the soil moisture around the building. We see this as a positive role in that the aim is to retain trees where possible.

Another area of new work, illustrated in this edition, has been our appointment to co-ordinate the provision of a piece of public art in one of George Wimpey's estates. These projects do not replace our normal design work, but they certainly provide new challenges in the way that we view the landscape.

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Public Art Chelmsford

As part of their Hobart Close project in Chelmsford, George Wimpey North Thames is funding a piece of public art in a new open space. We were appointed to liaise with the local authority, set up a Steering Committee, prepare a short-list of artists, and to advise on their

appointment. Sculptor Michael Condron is proposing a 2.5m tall stainless steel kangaroo as a symbol of the locale and its many Australian street names. *With George Wimpey North Thames for Chelmsford Borough Council.*



Ramada Encore Hotel Cambridge

We are preparing the landscape design for a new hotel on the Cambridge Research Park. We have advised on the layout of the scheme's courtyard and the planting around the building, throughout

the car park and along the drain which runs at the back of the site. *With SMC Corstorphine & Wright, architects, for the Alfred McAlpine joint venture with New World Leisure.*

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