

Parsonage Gardens Perimeter Wall Description

The perimeter wall is a solid free-standing masonry retaining wall built from traditional brick units arranged in both Stretcher Bond and English Garden Wall Bond i.e. 3 or 5 courses of stretcher between header courses. The joints have been finished with a flush mortar joint. Wall thickness varies from 225mm at the top to 390mm at the lower section.

Existing weep holes located at 600mm centres at pavement level are blocked, these are present to allow water in the retained earth behind the wall to drain away. This will be producing more pressure on the rear wall elevation.

The walls thickness increases towards the base as can be seen on the inside face to provide weight and stability. The height of the retained soil to the rear of the wall varies from 1100mm to 1400mm adjacent the existing tree and pier.

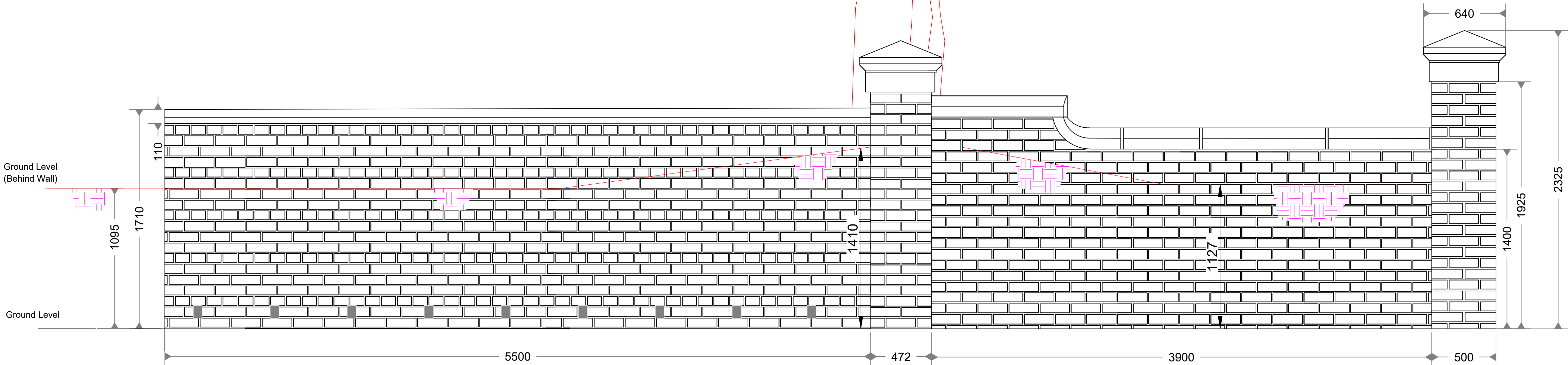
The existing foundation formation level is unknown.

The wall has a mixture of cast concrete coping and original sandstone copings. The cast concrete coping is 300mm width and 110mm thick. There are 5 no. coping stones plus 2 no. pier copings, the largest coping being 1060mm in length.

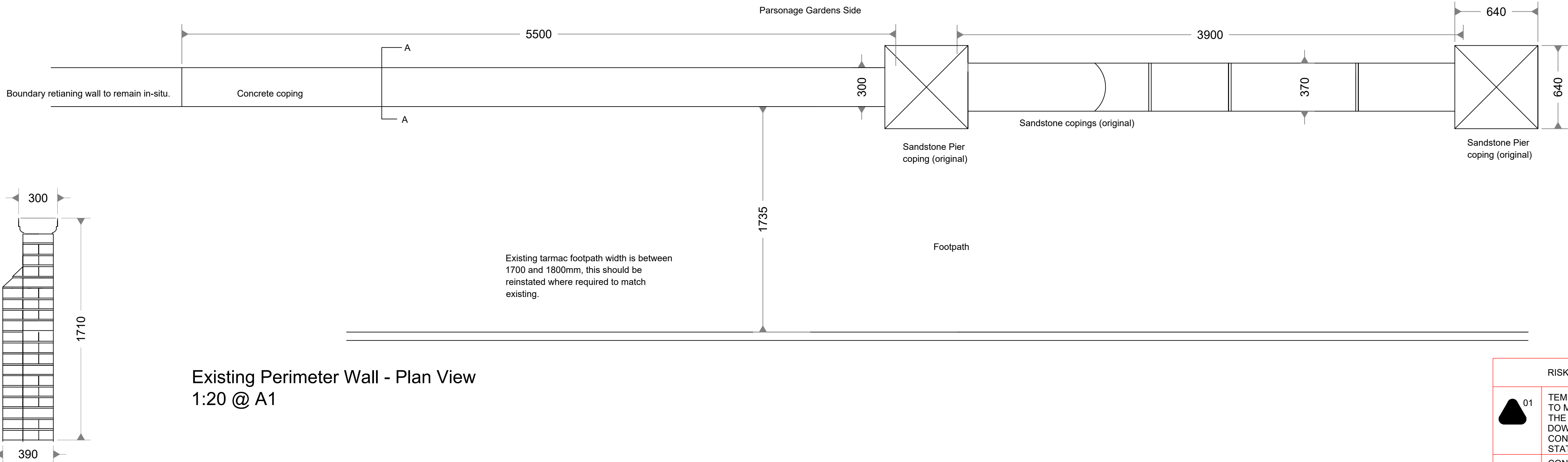
The tree growing in the retained earth adjacent the wall is a Field Maple type. The continuous growth of this tree and its roots is causing the wall to lean forwards into the footpath. The tree roots are visible at ground level on the footpath side.

It is proposed to dismantle 9400mm of boundary wall including two piers and rebuild to best match the existing in height and appearance with approved material specifications.

Field
Maple
Tree

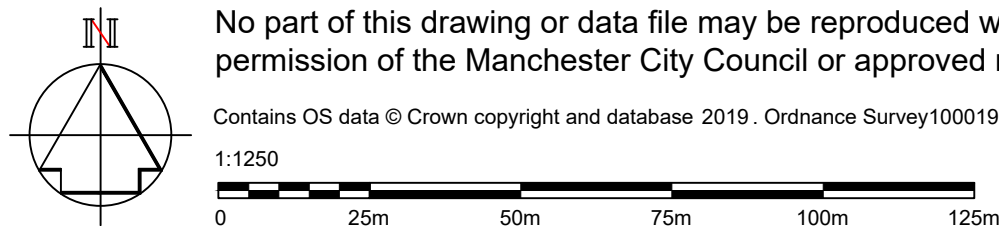


Existing Perimeter Wall - Elevation View
1:20 @ A1



Existing Perimeter Wall - Plan View
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Existing Perimeter Wall - Section A-A
1:20 @ A1



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