

CATALYST'S BROKEN PROMISES

The last published survey of the trees on the Worlington Green Estate was completed on behalf of Kensington Housing Trust in 2009. An identical plan was then re-uploaded to RBKC and on 12 October 2020. This plan is not an accurate reflection of the trees on the estate, and it's continued use by Catalyst is misleading. Many other plans for the estate seem to be based off of this survey (including consultation documents sent to residents in November 2020, the figures regularly quoted by them) do not correctly represent what planting and felling has happened.

The below plan shows the current trees on the estate, and highlights the mistakes and broken promises which have already resulted in trees unnecessarily lost.

UNNECESSARY REMOVAL
These mature trees will be removed despite being on the pavement currently, and remaining so in the proposed plans for phase 3

ALREADY REMOVED
Two listed trees which have already been removed, but still appear on Catalyst's tree survey

AESTHETICS OVER ENVIRONMENT
These 6 mature tree will be removed and replaced with 3 smaller trees in almost exactly the same place. All of them fall within what is going to be pavement when phase 3 is completed.

JUMPING THE GUN
These trees within the boundary of phase 3 have already been felled, despite the fact that consultation for this part of the development is ongoing and the masterplan still subject to change. Many of these removed trees now lie in what will become the Venture Centre playground, making their removal totally unnecessary.

UNNECESSARY REMOVAL
Roadside trees on Worlington Road do not fall within the footprint of proposed buildings. Three of these mature trees will be replaced with new planting in almost exactly the same place.

UNPLANNED REMOVALS
Two mature trees which were supposed to be retained but have been removed as part of Phase 2a

INACCURATE SURVEYING
Mature trees not shown on the 2009 tree survey

UNNECESSARY REMOVAL
Three trees scheduled for felling, despite lying within the area which will form Althone Gardens

UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS
As per the conditions of the planning permission, these 6 new trees were supposed to be planted the summer after Phase 1 had it's first occupants. To date no provision has been made for their planting, yet they are still shown on recently produced plans for the estate.

BROKEN PROMISE
Tree was supposed to be retained, but has been felled

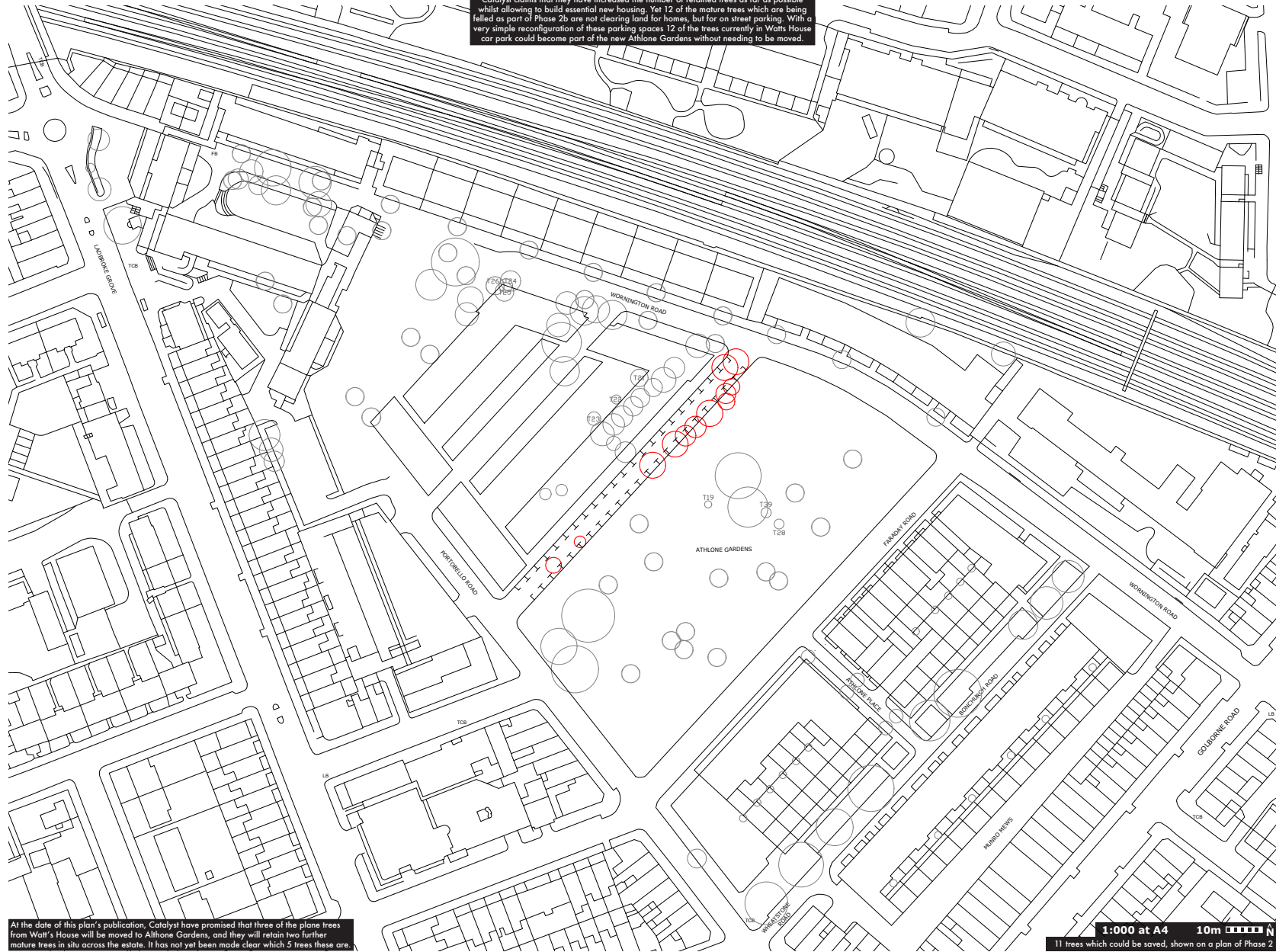
POOR QUALITY PLANTING
A newly planted sapling was removed in 2019 and has not been replanted - contravening the terms of the planning permission.

UNNECESSARY REMOVAL
13 trees already removed, despite the fact that they will form part of Althone Gardens once the masterplan is complete, many replaced with new trees in similar places

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12 TREES FELLED FOR PARKING

Catalyst claims that they have increased the number of retained trees as far as possible whilst allowing to build essential new housing. Yet 12 of the mature trees which are being felled as part of Phase 2b are not clearing land for homes, but for on street parking. With a very simple reconfiguration of these parking spaces 12 of the trees currently in Watts House car park could become part of the new Athlone Gardens without needing to be moved.

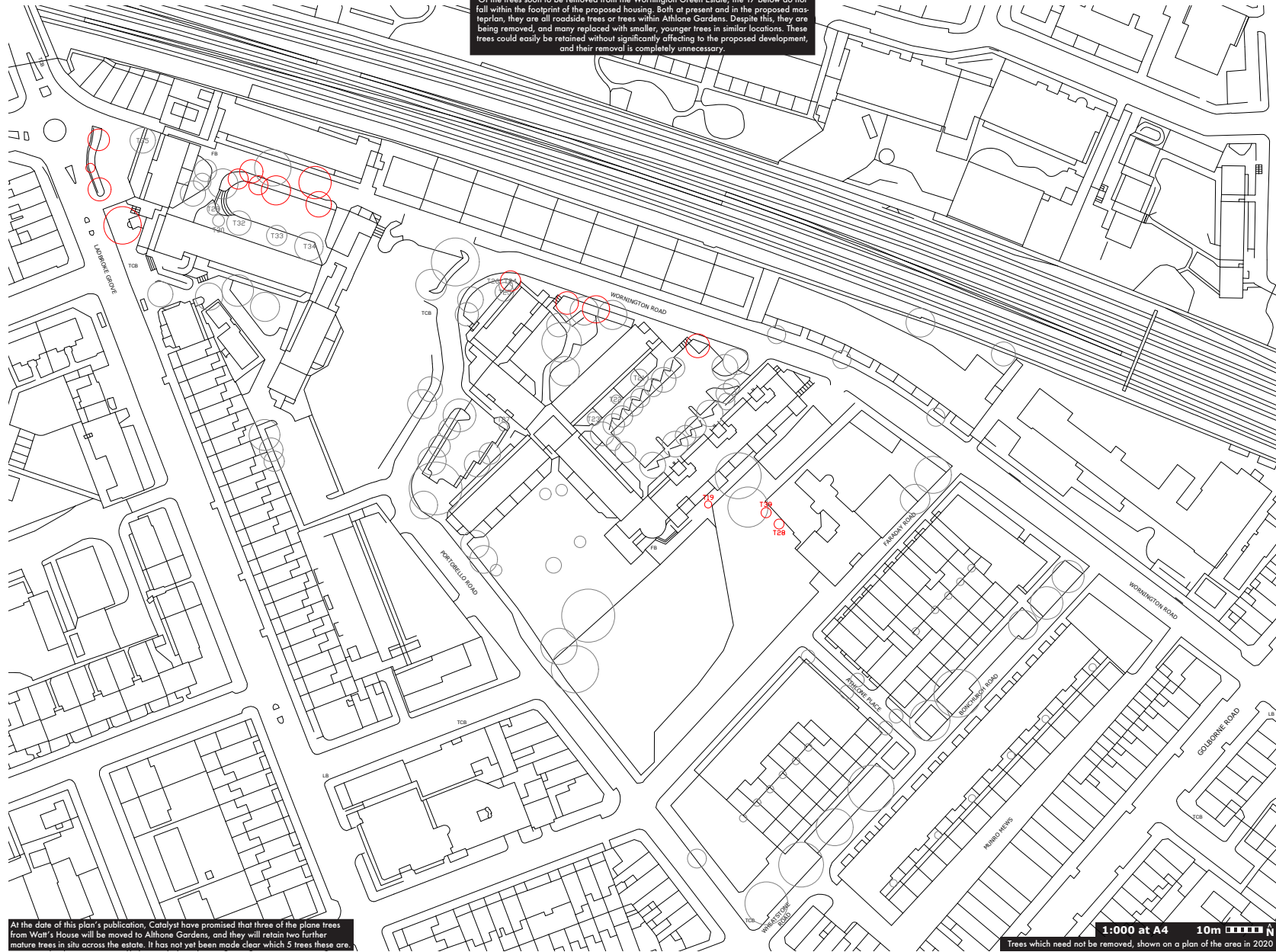


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11 trees which could be saved, shown on a plan of Phase 2

17 TREES TO BE FELLED

Of the trees soon to be removed from the Worrington Green Estate, the 17 below do not fall within the footprint of the proposed housing. Both of present and in the proposed masterplan, they are all roadside trees or trees within Althone Gardens. Despite this, they are being removed, and many replaced with smaller, younger trees in similar locations. These trees could easily be retained without significantly affecting the proposed development, and their removal is completely unnecessary.

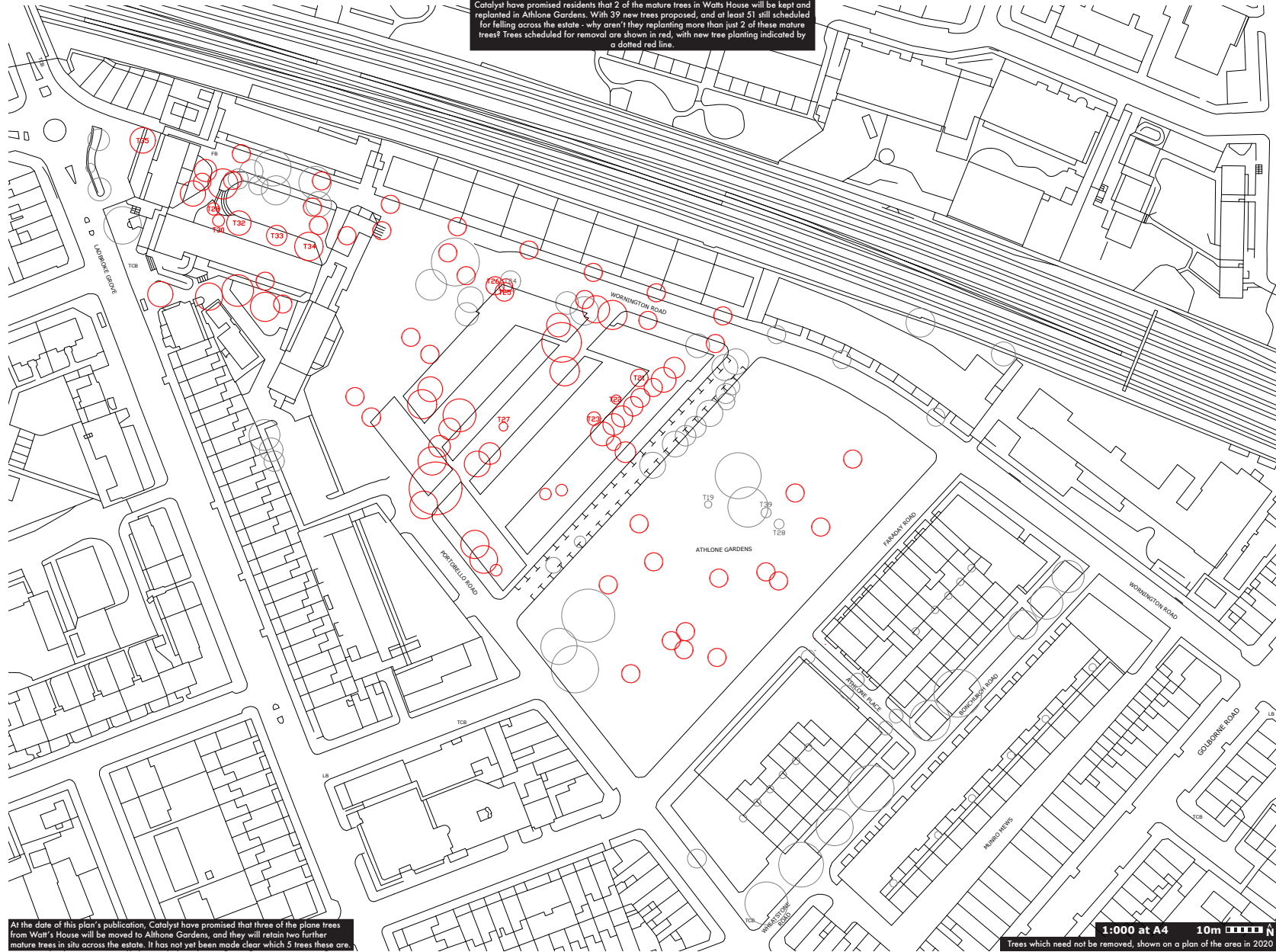


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1:000 at A4 10m Trees which need not be removed, shown on a plan of the area in 2020

ONLY 2 TREES TO BE SAVED

Catalyst have promised residents that 2 of the mature trees in Watts House will be kept and replanted in Athlone Gardens. With 39 new trees proposed, and at least 51 still scheduled for felling across the estate - why aren't they replanting more than just 2 of these mature trees? Trees scheduled for removal are shown in red, with new tree planting indicated by a dotted red line.



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