

GMEU response

The loss of the three mature trees does trigger BNG (one tree alone would trigger as you take the root protection area in to account for the de minimis rule) A very easy metric to calculate as 3 large urban trees. The only issue would be whether poor or moderate condition. (Likely the latter based on the photo, resulting in the school being required to create 0.97 units on site to achieve 10% net gain. Advise they retain all or as many as possible to get the requirements down. One large tree counts as 366sqm in the metric.