Tree Report on Land at Cemetery Road, Bolton Upon Dearne

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1
This report has been prepared to support a full Town & Country Planning Application submitted to Barnsley M.B.C. for residential development on land at Cemetery Road, Bolton Upon Dearne, Barnsley.

Only trees considered relevant have been included in the report.

2. SITE

2.1
The site comprises an area of land bounded to the north by Cemetery Road with residential development to the east and allotments to the southern an western boundaries.

2.2
There are no prominent mature trees within the site. The site tree cover is weighted towards trees of low quality with little arboricultural quality.

4. STATUS OF TREES.

4.1
There are no trees within the site that are the subject of Tree Preservation Order controls or any that would warrant such status.

5.0. BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

BS 5837 category grading – is a methodology for evaluating existing tree stock and is summarized as follows;

R = Removal necessary for arboricultural management reasons and/or having a value that would be lost within 10 years in the current context
A = Trees of high quality
B = Trees of moderate quality
C = Trees of low quality
1 = Trees with arboricultural values
2 = Trees with mainly landscape values
3 = Trees with mainly cultural value.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS.

6.1
The findings of the tree survey indicates that none of the trees merit a high quality (A) or moderate quality (B) category. All the clusters and individual trees make up either the low quality (C1) category with the remaining falling into the removal (R) category.

6.2
All trees and bushes may be removed as necessary to facilitate development of the site.

6.3
The plans accompanying this report show the existing trees. The aerial view of the site shows three small elderflower trees that are to be removed to facilitate the development. Also, there is a multi-stem sycamore (T1) tree of low quality at the north-western corner of the site. This is to be removed, if necessary. However, it is noted that the existing stable block is closer to T1 than the proposed outbuilding and any adverse effects on the tree roots will be negligible.


Figure 1 Tree T1

The hedges and mixed borders to the western and southern boundaries are to be retained. A plan is included to show that all of these trees fall outside a 10 metre zone around the proposed development and are not considered to be affected by the proposed development.


Figure 2 Hedge to western boundary

There are three small, low quality elderflower trees numbered T2, T3 and T4. These small trees are to be removed.



Figure 3 Trees T2 & T3



Figure 4 Tree T4

In addition to the trees there is an area planted with vines along the eastern boundary. This is to be retained for use by the Applicant.

7.0 TREE PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION PROCESSES

7.1
In order to ensure retained trees are protected from unnecessary damage or disturbance, protective fencing should be erected prior to commencement of any construction operations.

8.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

8.1
From the foregoing tree survey findings, comments and observations, it will be seen that the current proposal requires only the removal of trees in the low (C1) and remove (R) categories. Therefore should development of the site proceed, removal of those specimens identified, as being in an undesirable condition, poorly sited or of low amenity value would be in accordance with all accepted practices and relevant standards.