

# Coppice Landscapes

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Dear Mr. Hyde

**RE: 2016/0292 - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LAND OFF SHEFFIELD ROAD, BIRDWELL, BARNSELY**

I refer to your email of 26 April to Michael Townsend detailing the need for a tree survey. Michael asks that I provide some arboricultural guidance in this regard.

There is only 1 No. Cherry tree of any of consequence on site. It had previously been thought this tree was just off site though the topographical survey shows it to fall just within plot 5. The tree is shown to be retained and it is not compromised by the proposed development.

Elsewhere on site the vegetation you refer to appears to involve a range of overgrown Privet hedgerows that were planted to sub divide the allotments. These poorly maintained features are not considered to provide any meaningful amenity or ecological value, nor is it possible or desirable to include these within the proposed development.

It is fair to say if the Cherry tree and Privet material was surveyed under the terms of BS5837; all items would receive a low (C) amenity valuation. Taking account of their low quality and the LPA discretion on whether or not to enforce the need for a tree survey report I would ask that on this occasion the Council to relax the requirement for providing a report.

I trust this additional information is helpful in progressing the application, however do not hesitate in contacting me should you require further assistance in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Waterson

Arboricultural Consultant