

# Arboricultural Impact Assessment

at  
**Valley Road**  
Wombwell



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# 1 Purpose and scope of report

This report has been created in accordance with BS5837:2012 to assess the impacts of proposed development as shown in our method statement 210616MS and also incorporates information taken from our tree survey Ref 210616TS. This impact assessment should be read in conjunction with the method statement and the tree survey, and as required by BS5837, it includes consideration of:

- The tree survey
- Trees selected for retention
- Trees selected for removal
- Trees to be pruned
- Areas designated for structural landscaping which need soil protection
- Evaluation of impact of tree losses
- Evaluation of tree constraints and tree protection plan
- Issues to be addressed by an arboricultural method statement
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## 2 General information

It is advisable to have trees regularly surveyed by a suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural consultant. In this instance it is recommended that the next survey is undertaken within 12 months of this report. If the site or adjacent areas change use, or if there are significant changes to the condition of the site or adjacent areas, or if there are significant changes to the trees surveyed, it is recommended that professional arboricultural advice is obtained.

The plans included as part of this report are based on those provided by the client or their representatives. Whilst reasonable steps are taken to ensure plans are accurate and correct, the consultant will not be responsible for errors or omissions arising due to information provided by the client or the client's representatives.

All tree works should be carried out to BS 3998:2010 - '*Recommendations for tree work*' unless otherwise specified, and by a suitably qualified, experienced and insured contractor.

## 3 Trees selected for removal, retention and/or pruning

Information regarding trees to be removed or retained is shown in the method statement, along with details of pruning works and areas of land requiring soil protection for structural landscaping purposes (where applicable).

## 4 Evaluation of impact of tree losses

Four low value trees are to be removed as part of this project – these trees are all located in central areas of the site, and are not readily visible from outside the site.

As part of this project it is proposed that there will be significant new planting around the perimeters of the site. Specific details regarding new planting are not known at this stage, but the number and locations of the new trees means that this new planting will provide a much higher level of public visual amenity than any losses which arise through tree removal.



## **5 Evaluation of tree constraints and tree protection plan**

The tree protection plan shows all retained trees as being protected during development in accordance with BS5837:2012.

The layout is such that retained trees are very unlikely to cause nuisance to the final users of this development.

The project requires a very minor incursion into the root protection areas of trees T3 and T9 if these root protection areas are shown as circles. However, the areas affected are very small, and the affected trees are both young and in good health, making them well able to cope with such a small level of disturbance - this project will not impact on the health or longevity of retained trees.

## **6 Issues to be addressed by an arboricultural method statement**

A method statement shows how retained trees will be protected during development in accordance with BS5837:2012.

Additional specialist information is unlikely to be required for arboricultural purposes on this site.



## 7 Consultant's qualifications and experience

This report has been undertaken by James Royston who has over twenty years experience in arboriculture, forestry, and urban forestry, of which the last 12 years have been spent as a full-time consultant specialising in trees and development, tree related hazards, and sustainable tree management.

In addition, this experience has included work as a tree officer in a local authority planning department, expert witness work for the courts, subsidence investigation works for loss adjusters and insurance companies, and undertaking the role of president of the Consulting Arborist Society.

### **Academic qualifications include:**

MSc Arboriculture and Urban Forestry,  
BSc (Hons) Forestry.

### **Recent professional development courses have included:**

Tree Preservation Order Workshop *by the Consulting Arborist Society,*  
Trees and Mortgage/Insurance Reporting *by the Association of Mortgage Users Insurance Group,*  
Professional Tree Inspection *by LANTRA Awards,*  
BS5837:2012 Workshops *by the Arboricultural Association,*  
The Future of Tree Risk Management part I and II *by the Treeworks Environmental Practice,*  
Trees and Subsidence *by OCA Ltd,*  
CTLA Tree Valuation Seminar *by the Consulting Arborist Society,*  
Expert Witness Training *by Bond Solon*  
THREATS training *by Julian Forbes-Laird.*  
Homebuyers Tree Reports *by the Consulting Arborist Society*

### **Professional associations have included:**

Professional member of the Arboricultural Association and the Consulting Arborist Society.  
Chartered Environmentalist.  
Trustmark Approved Consultant – Working to Government Approved Standards.



## 8 Contact Details

I hope this report provides all the required information. However, if further advice is needed then please contact me and I will be happy to help.

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