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Dear Tim,

Tree Impact Assessment, **Proposed Extension, Burntwood Hall.**

Further to my tree survey you have prepared a plan showing the position of tree protection fencing. Some trees will require removal to permit access to the site and to permit restoration work on the partially demolished part of the Hall.

Trees to be removed are tree 2 False Cypress, tree 3 Pussy Willow, & tree 4, another False Cypress, tree 7 Yew, tree 8 Holly, tree 9 Beech, tree 10 another False Cypress, tree 12 the Laurel, tree 14 the Walnut coppice growth and tree 15 the overgrown Holly hedge.

Additionally the shrubs and saplings beneath will also be removed. While this will make space for the new building I consider this will make space for planting new trees and will additionally restore views from the Hall to the south. There do not appear to have been many trees planted around the grounds in recent years and planting some new specimen trees will ensure there are replacements when the existing ones have reached the end of their lives.



Tree protection fencing.

You have the specification for protective fencing from BS5837 (2005) and the photograph to the left shows some fencing I erected that met with approval from Doncaster Council. Note the panels are braced and the feet are fixed in position to prevent casual removal. It might be an idea to fix notices to the fence panels stating their purpose.

A notice stating something along the lines of "keep out; Root Protection Area, this fence not to be disturbed without the written approval of the Arboriculturist. Sacking offence; this means you!" While this might be overstating the case somewhat, I am aware that contractors working at Chatsworth House were fined £30.00 for driving their vehicles off the temporary "track-way road." The Duke and Duchess were very particular about the ground being accidentally ploughed up and tree roots and vegetation being destroyed.

It is your intention to remove the derelict outbuilding adjacent to tree 5. This will require some work within the Root Protection Area which is acceptable but it should be done by hand and the foundations left in situ unless they can also be removed by hand.

Once the trees designated for removal have been removed the retained trees should be inspected and remedial pruning undertaken if necessary. This is only likely to be necessary for trees 5, 11 and 13, which are rather close to the Laurel 12.

Had I been asked to make recommendations for tree work on this site without there being a development proposal in the offing, I would probably be recommending much of the work detailed above. Taking that factor into account means that the impact of this project is relatively low.

I trust you will find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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