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# Arboricultural Impact Assessment

at

**Dale House**

Cawthorne



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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 arboricultural method statement Ref 210716MS and also incorporates information taken from our tree survey Ref 210901TS. This impact assessment should be read in conjunction with 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

## 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

No trees will require removal as part of this project.

No trees will require pruning as part of this project, however the removal of some small diameter epicormic growth is recommended in order to give 2m clearance between tree T1 and adjacent buildings. This is routine tree maintenance work.



## **4 Evaluation of impact of tree losses**

No trees will require removal as part of this project – there will be no impacts from tree losses.

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

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

The proposed will require foundations within the root protection area of tree T1. After consultation with ourselves, the design has now been altered so that there will be no works of any kind within any areas of existing unsurfaced ground which are located within the root protection areas of trees which are to be retained.

This proposal is for a gym and a home office – as such, it is extremely unlikely that shading from trees will be considered as a nuisance to future users.

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

Trees will be adequately protected throughout this development with the use of tree protection fencing as shown in the draft tree protection plan. It is unlikely that specialist tree protection measures will be required 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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