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Arboricultural Implication Assessment

at

Nether Mill Farm

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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 drawings provided (Ref: Drawing No 11.050) and includes consideration of:

- The effect of the development proposals on the amenity value of trees, both on and near the site
- Above and below ground constraints
- Construction of the proposed development
- The possibility of modifying the development to accommodate the retention of trees which would otherwise be lost
- The end use of the space
- Whether tree planting could acceptably mitigate any tree losses due to development

The consultant shall not be responsible for events which happen after the date of survey due to factors which where not apparent at the time of the survey.

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.

No liability can be accepted by the consultant unless the recommendations of this report are undertaken within the time period recommended. Where no time period is indicated then recommendations should be carried out as soon as reasonably practicable.

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.

2 The effect of the development proposals on the amenity value of trees, both on and near the site

The proposed development does not require the removal of any high high value trees, but trees in G6 are of medium value and are to be removed as part of this development.

In addition to retaining trees of high value, the proposed development includes a considerable amount of new planting, this will more than compensate for the trees being removed.

Because of the careful design and layout of this proposal combined with the retention of high value trees and extensive proposed new tree planting, this development has the potential to increase the overall amenity value of the tree cover on this site.

3 Above and below ground constraints

The layout has been amended to take account of shading from trees. It is very unlikely that shading from tree will cause a nuisance to future occupants.

4 Construction of the proposed development

On the assumption that any demolition and construction activity is undertaken in accordance with a BS5837:2012 Method Statement, it is unlikely that retained trees will suffer any significant impacts from the proposed development.

There are no indications at this stage that demolition and construction in accordance with a BS5837:2012 Method Statement would be difficult.

5 The possibility of modifying the development to accommodate the retention of trees which would otherwise be lost

The layout and design has been amended at our recommendation to better accommodate retention of appropriate trees. No further modification is practicable.

6 The end use of the space

The end use is domestic housing with associated access, parking and gardens. Because of this, consideration has been given to shading from trees and no genuine arboricultural conflict remains.

7 Mitigation through tree planting

Precise details of new planting are not known at this time, but it is understood that there is to be extensive new tree planting as part of this proposal.

8 Consultant's qualifications and experience

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

Academic qualifications include:
MSc Arboriculture and Urban Forestry,
BSc (Hons) Forestry.

Recent professional development courses include:
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.*

Professional associations include:
Professional member of the Arboricultural Association and the Consulting Arborist Society.
Chartered Environmentalist.

(as at 1st January 2012)

9 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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