



Arboricultural Impact Assessment

at
Towngate
Thurlstone



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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 Ref: 190221MS and also incorporates information taken from our tree survey Ref 190221c. 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

No trees of significance will be lost as part of this development – there will be no impact from tree losses.

The development will require the removal of some very small conifers – these are of no significance and are marked as an area containing 'no significant trees' on the tree survey.

Existing boundary hedges are to be retained.



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 development requires some minor works within the root protection area of retained trees to. A new boundary wall is to be constructed within the root protection area of tree T1 – using traditional techniques without excavation for footings, this will have no impact on retained trees if undertaken with proper care and in accordance with our method statement.

6 Issues to be addressed by an arboricultural method statement

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



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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