

TREE APPRAISAL FORM (Developments)

Application Ref No.

DMPA/2021/0983 - Hartshorne outline for 3 dwellings.

Date of Site Visit:

23/11/2021

Tree Number (TPO if applicable):

Single

Tree Species:

Mixed

Assessment:

General comments and recommendations

The site edged in red contains a variety of trees, some ornamental, a few fruit trees, lots of natives and garden varieties. There are also some very high canopied trees, both on and off site, such as Oak, Ash and Maples. The indicative layout appears acceptable regarding trees loss as most losses are trees of low quality. Notwithstanding this, there will be a biodiversity loss and at some point, this will require consideration

There are a few points for consideration that should be dealt with before matters of layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping reserved for later consideration are dealt with. I do not envisage issues regarding off-site trees within the SDDC TPOs. I would like a couple of onsite trees protected as soon as possible. I have considered 2 options. Option 1, issue an Area TPO, that would allow the LPA to select trees which it considers to be of high value before confirmation or Option 2, protect trees of the highest value now. I recommend Option 2, and my reasoning for this is as follows; Most trees of consideration fall short of the necessary criteria for a TPO, mainly regards stature and public visibility and that some are of poor quality. Also, most of the high canopied trees, which do offer structural importance are Ash, and with Ash Dieback nearby, it may be futile to protect these trees? Also, it could be an opportunity to ensure a fit for purpose landscaping plan is submitted should the app proceed to Reserved Matters, and this is in line with the comments made by the P.O at The National Forest Company. The whole site is fully observable from the public footpath that runs parallel with the eastern boundary, so on-site and off-site trees are very important material considerations

There are only 2 on site trees which merit TPO protection, and these are T17 Pear and T21 Oak. There are a few others that could be protected; however, I do not consider that these should be at this time as they could become unnecessary restraints. I would also like to reiterate the importance of ensuring, when/if required, that a quality landscaping scheme is submitted, including a diverse selection of trees to replace those that will be lost through development. The RPAs and tree evaluations on the submitted BS5837 report are accurate. It will require careful design considerations regarding the driveway as it could pass through RPAs of retained trees. This might require a cellular confinement system and this need to be submitting on an accurate plan before approval

Recommendation:

See above report detail

Signature:

Martin Buckley

Date:

23/11/2021