

TREE APPRAISAL FORM (Development Sites)

Application Ref No.	DMPA/2021/0680		
Date of Site Visit:	30/03/2022		
Tree Number (TPO if applicable):		Single	
Tree Species:	Mixed		

Assessment:

Summary

The site is a former garage, Archway Motors in Findern and has many trees growing in and around the site that are in conditions rated as being between poor and good. The proposed development will have some impact regards on-site and off-site trees, these have been covered within the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment Survey and Report. Landscaping aspects have been covered separately. The Report is factual and accurate. This report and summary is concerned with trees that have the possibility to be impacted as a result of development proposals. This includes trees within the site boundary as well as any outside the boundary that may be impacted by the development and any subsequent post development activity

Evaluation and Guidance

1. G3 is a group of trees protected by a Derbyshire County Council Tree Preservation Order TPO70, G8 1964. *Correspondence with Ruth Baker, a Countryside Officer at Derbyshire County Council, confirmed that the TPO in question at this site has 'no material effect anymore'; therefore, this TPO will be treated as void. This was confirmed via email.* It may be that Ruth has evaluated the TPO and considers that TPO 70 G3 trees resemble no match to those now growing in this group possibly because the TPO was issued in 1964. G3 will now not have statutory protection. It is foreseeable that this group will have some liveability issues for future residents. A TPO may be required. Note: Trees forming part of this group have been cleared almost up to the site boundary
2. A demolition plan was submitted 19th May 2021. **IMPORTANT** - Any recommended tree protection should be installed prior to demolition
3. Trees and tree groups required for removal have been assessed and overall impacts of tree loss is high. To facilitate this development large scale tree removal will be required, although it has been stated that compensatory planting has been incorporated into site plans to replace any lost arboricultural/landscape value. This is questionable and should consent be granted, it should be taken as a net loss of tree canopy cover and arboricultural value
4. Mitigatory planting. It is suggested that considerable replanting into private gardens will increase the amenity value of the site; this is questionable. Replacing high canopied trees with garden varieties will decrease values as garden spaces are relatively small and will only incorporate small trees. Such trees will be under threat from residents should they experience impacts of seasonal events and removals are foreseeable. Any garden trees within the approved Landscaping plan should be afforded protection of a TPO

5. All technical solutions regarding tree protection measures should be implemented as per guidance within the submitted Arb Report
6. Tree Protection and AMS. It is suggested that the tree plan is subject to discussion and that they endeavour to produce a pragmatic approach to the subsequent Arboricultural Method Statement (if required) and final tree retention plan. **Important** - Due to the nature of the development, it is unlikely there will be any major impacts on trees with higher landscape and amenity values if the **CEZ** is implemented (see Appendix 2 of the Arb report). Protective fencing should be placed prior to any construction **and demolition** works and can be removed after the works are completed. Appendix 3 of the report provides details of the fencing requirements for CEZ. An AMS will be required and approved prior to commencement works. Ensure Appendix 3 is adhered to
7. Shading of plots 2-5 by trees within G3 and T12 is foreseeable. The report suggests the installation of light tunnels, further evidence of the likely impact of shading from these trees
8. Canopy lifting and general pruning. These sections within the Arb Report relate to general tree works required to facilitate development which are acceptable and to be expected when building close to trees. Note, most trees within G3 have been recently removed, therefore shading is not now a major constraint
9. T9 and T10. These are mature willows that have potentially high levels of ecological value, albeit low value regards physical condition. The report advises removal. Should these trees fall outside proposed property boundaries, then to reduce the biodiversity impact, they should be pollarded at 3m. This will create a diverse habitat in which birds can feed, and to create opportunities to nest within cavities and rot pockets

Recommendation:

- Protective fencing should be positioned around tree RPAs prior to any construction **and demolition** works and should not be removed until after the works are completed
- Ensure an Arboricultural Method Statement is submitted and approved prior to the commencement of any works
- Request that a Landscaping Plan is submitted, which needs to include a list of all trees to be planted including specifications. Ensure that high canopied trees are planted at the site entrance.
- A detailed specification (with rootstock size) of trees to be planted in rear gardens, i.e., the species of fruit trees
- Trees in front gardens could be cultivars of Natives, such as Malus Rudolf. Whatever the choice, trees must be suitable for the growing space and have public appeal

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