

Arboricultural Constraints Appraisal

in Relation to Proposed Holiday Cabin Development at



Ribble Valley View, Old Langho Road, Old Langho, Lancashire, BB6 8AW

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TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE FOR ARBORICULTURAL CONSTRAINTS APPRAISAL

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No.	Species	Height	Stem Diam.		Branch Spread	Branch & Canopy Clearances	Life Stage	PC	General Observations and Comments	Management Recommendations	ERC	Cat. Grade	RPA (m²)	RPA Radius (m)
T1	Sycamore	16	840	E S	6.5 6.5 6.5 6.5	5 3	M	D	 Ground levels around base have evidently been raised many years previously. Dead. 	-	<10	U	319	10.08
Т2	Sycamore	13	620	N E S W	6 6 6	4 3	EM	D	 Ground levels around base have evidently been raised many years previously. Dead. 		<10	U	174	7.44
Т3	Sycamore	9.5	600		4.5 4.5 4.5 4.5	3 5	EM		 Extensive stock related damage to lower stem. Has sustained approximately 90% crown dieback. In late stages of decline. Short projected remaining life expectancy. 		<10	C1	163	7.2
T4	Common Oak	13.5	650	N E S W	7 7 7 7	5 5	EM	Р	 Stem trifurcates at a height of approximately 5m. Crown showing signs of a moderate reduction in vitality with moderately sparse foliage cover. Moderate amount of deadwood to approximately 100mm diameter, including over adjacent cabin roof. Several security cameras attached to stem. 	 Tree contractor to prune tree to remove deadwood above 30mm diameter. Consulting arboriculturist to carry out detailed risk management inspection. 	10+	C1	191	7.8
Т5	Common Oak	13	620	E S	6 6 6	2.5 2	EM	G	 Extensive stock related ground compaction within root-zone up to approximately 3m from stem. Minor stem lean south. 		40+	A1/2	174	7.44
Т6	Common Oak	14	660	E S	5 7.5 8 5	3.5-E 2.5	M	М	 Extensive stock related ground compaction within root-zone to north up to approximately 4m from stem. Crown showing signs of a minor reduction in vitality with extensive epicormic growth to branches and moderate amount of deadwood to approximately 50mm diameter. 	•	40+	A1/2	197	7.92

Headings and Abbreviations:

Branch & Canopy Clearances:

General Observations and Comments:

Management Recommendations:

Allocated sequential reference number - Tree ('T'), Group ('G'), Woodland ('W') or Hedge ('H') reference number - refer to plan and to numbered tags where applicable

Species: Height:

In metres, to nearest half metre – where possible approximately 80% are measured using an electronic clinometer and the remainder estimated against the measured trees. In the case of Groups and Woodlands the measurement listed is that of the highest tree

Stem Diam.: Stem diameter in millimetres, to nearest 10mm - measured and calculated as per Annex C of BS5837:2012. MS = multi-stemmed, TS = twin-stemmed Branch Spread:

Crown radius measured (or estimated where considered appropriate) from the four cardinal points (north, east, south and west) to give an accurate visual representation of the crown

Existing height above ground level, in metres, of first significant branch and direction of growth (e.g. 2.5-N) and of canopy at lowest point – to inform on crown to height ratio, potential for shading, etc.

Life Stage: Estimated age class - Y = young, SM = semi-mature, EM = early-mature, M = mature, PM = post-mature

Physiological Condition - a measure of the tree'(s)' overall vitality, i.e. D = Dead, MD = Moribund, P = Poor, M = Moderate, G = Good

Comments relating to the tree'(s)' overall condition and any other pertinent factors including structural defects, current and potential direct structural damage, physiological decline, poor form, etc.

Either Preliminary or In Consideration of the Proposal - In the case of Arboricultural Constraints Surveys the recommended management works only take exiting site and tree circumstances and conditions into account and not proposed developments. Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement related

Surveys take the proposed development into consideration with recommendations made accordingly. More than one option may be given if considered appropriate

ERC: Estimated Remaining Contribution - in years as per BS5837:2012 (i.e. <10, 10+, 20+, 40+)

Cat. Grade: Category Grading - tree retention value listed as U, A, B or C - in accordance with BS5837:2012 Table 1 RPA m2:

Root Protection Area in m² - calculated area around the tree that must be appropriately protected throughout the development process in order avoid root damage

Root Protection Area Radius - in metres measured from the centre of the stem to the line of tree protection

RPA Radius (m): # (Estimated Dimensions): Where trees are located off-site, or are inaccessible for any other reason, and accurate measurements or other information cannot be taken then the information provided is estimated and is duly suffixed with a "#" symbol



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Т7	Common Oak	14	690	N E S W	10 11.5 9 8	3-E 2.5	M	М	 Crown showing signs of a moderate reduction in vitality with moderately small leaves, slightly sparse foliage cover, and moderately large amount of deadwood to approximately 50mm diameter. 		40+	A1/2	215	8.28
Т8	Common Holly	7	320	N E S W	3 3 3	N/A 1.5	EM	MD	 Has sustained over 90% crown dieback. In late stages of decline. Short projected remaining life expectancy. 		<10	U	46	3.84
Т9	Sycamore	16.5	1000#	N E S W	7.5 7.5 7.5 7.5	5 3	M	М	 Stem bifurcates at a height of approximately 5m. Crown showing signs of a minor reduction in vitality with slightly small leaves. 		40+	A1/2	452	12
G1	3no. Sycamore, 1no. Common Alder, 1no. Hawthorn	≤ 21	≤ 1140	N E S W	≤ 7 ≤ 9 ≤ 9 ≤ 7	N/A ≥ 2	M-PM	M-G	 Closely to Loosely spaced group. Not inspected in detail as located outside redline boundary. All have cavities, hollowing and decay to stems to varying degrees. 	Consulting arboriculturist to carry out detailed risk management inspection.	10+	C1/2	≤ 588	≤ 13.68
G2	3no. Sycamore	≤ 14	≤ 600	N E S W	≤ 5 ≤ 5 ≤ 5	3 ≥3	EM	M	 Closely spaced linear group. Ground levels around bases of all three trees have evidently been raised many years previously. All crowns showing signs of a substantial reduction in vitality with small leaves and moderately sparse foliage cover. 		10+	C1	≤ 163	≤ 7.2
G3	3no. Hawthorn	≤ 5	≤ 9x90 (ms)#	N E S W	≤ 2 ≤ 2 ≤ 2 ≤ 2	0.1-S ≥ 0	EM	M-P	 Closely to loosely spaced group. Ground levels around bases of all three trees have evidently been raised many years previously. All crowns showing signs of a reduction in vitality with small leaves and moderately sparse foliage cover. 		10+	C1	≤ 33	≤ 3.24
G4	2no. Common Hawthorn	⊻ 5	≤ 2x90 (ts)	N E S W	≤ 2.5 ≤ 2.5 ≤ 2.5 ≤ 2.5	N/A ≥ 0.5	SM	G	Closely spaced pair.Both are multi-stemmed from ground level.		40+	C1/2	≤ 7	≤ 1.53
G5	Common Hawthorn	≤ 5	≤ 2x100 (ts)	N E S W	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	N/A ≥ 2	EM	M- MD	 Outgrown remnant hedge along field boundary with large number of spaces between trees. All crowns showing varying signs of reductions in vitality with number of trees in in advanced stages of decline. 		<10	U	≤ 9	≤ 1.7



BS5837:2005 Table 1 – Cascade Chart for Tree Quality Assessment

Trees for removal											
Category and definition		Identification on plan									
Category R Those in such a condition that any existing value would be lost within 10 years and which should, in the current context, be removed for reasons of sound arboricultural management	 Trees that have serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other R category trees such as where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning Trees that have serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other R category trees such as where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby, for example Dutch Elm Disease, or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality 										
Trees to be considered for retention											
		Category – Subcategories		lala antificantia a caractera							
Category and definition	1. Mainly arboricultural values	2. Mainly landscape values	3. Mainly cultural values, including conservation	Identification on plan							
Category A Those of high quality and value: in such a condition as to be able to make a substantial contribution. A minimum of 40 years is suggested.	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual, or essential components of groups, or of formal or semi-formal Arboricultural features for example the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue	Trees, groups or woodlands which provide a definite screening or softening effect to the locality in relation to views into or out of the site, or those of particular visual importance for example avenues or other arboricultural features assessed as groups	Trees, groups or woodlands or significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value for example veteran trees or wood-pasture	Light Green							
Category B Those of moderate quality and value: those in such a condition as to make a significant contribution. A minimum of 20 years is suggested.	Trees that might be included in the high category, but are downgraded because of impaired condition. Examples include the presence of remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and minor storm damage	Trees present in numbers, usually as groups or woodlands, so they form distinct landscape features which attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals. But which are not, individually, essential components of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features. For example, trees of moderate quality within an avenue that includes better, A category specimens. Or trees which are internal to the site, therefore individually having little visual impact on the wider locality	Trees with clearly identifiable conservation or other cultural benefits	Mid Blue							
Category C Those trees of low quality and value: currently in adequate condition to remain until new planting could be established - a minimum of 10 years is suggested - or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm		Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater landscape value, and/or trees offering low or only temporary screening benefit Ily not be retained where they would impose lameter of less than 150mm should be considered.		Grey							



DISCLAIMER

Survey Limitations: Unless otherwise stated all trees are surveyed from ground level using non-invasive techniques. The disclosure of hidden crown and stem defects, in particular where they may be above a reachable height or where trees are ivy clad or in areas of ground vegetation, cannot therefore be expected. All obvious defects, however, are reported. Detailed tree safety appraisals are only carried out under specific written instructions. Comments upon evident tree safety relate to the condition of said tree at the time of the survey only.

Unless otherwise stated all trees should be re-inspected annually in order to appraise their on-going mechanical integrity and physiological condition. It should, however, be recognised that tree condition is subject to change, for example due to the effects of disease, decay, high winds, development works, etc. Changes in land use or site conditions (e.g. development that increases access frequency) and the occurrence of severe weather incidents are also significant considerations with regards tree structural integrity and trees should therefore be re-assessed in the context of such changes and/or incidents and inspected at intervals relative to identified and varying site conditions and associated risks.

Where trees are located wholly or partially on neighbouring private third-party land then said land is not accessed and our inspection is therefore restricted to what can reasonably be seen from within the site. Stem diameters of trees located on such land are estimated. Any subsequent comments and judgments made in respect of such trees are based on these restrictions and are our preliminary opinion only. Recommendations for works to neighbouring third-party trees are only made where a potentially unacceptable risk to persons and/or property has been identified during our survey. Where significant structural defects of third-party trees are identified and associated management works are considered essential to negate any risk of harm and/or damage then we will first attempt to inform the site occupier of the issues and, if not possible, then inform the relevant Council. Where a more detailed assessment is considered necessary then appropriate recommendations are set out in the Tree Survey Schedule.

Where tree stem locations are not included on the plan(s) provided then they are plotted at the time of the survey using, where appropriate and/or practicable, a combination of measurement triangulation and GPS co-ordination. Where this is not possible then locations are estimated. Restrictions in these respects are detailed in the report.

The tree survey and any report information provided is intended as a guide to identify key tree related constraints to site development only. As such, the potential influence of trees upon existing or proposed buildings or other structures resulting from the effects of their roots abstracting water from shrinkable load-bearing soils is not considered herein. The tree survey information in its current form should not therefore be considered sufficient to determine appropriate foundation depths for new buildings. Accordingly, an updated survey, with reference to the current NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees, must therefore be prepared for the specific purpose of informing suitable foundation depths subsequent to planning approval being granted. The advice of a structural engineer must also be sought with regard to appropriate foundation depths for new buildings.

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Statutory Tree Protection: It is the client's responsibility to check for the presence of any statutory tree protection measures, such as the site's location within a Conservation Area and/or the presence of any Tree Preservation Orders, directly with the applicable Council's planning department prior to scheduling or carrying out any tree works. In turn, it is also the client's responsibility to check for the need for a felling licence with the Forestry Commission prior to scheduling or carrying out any tree works. Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd cannot be held responsible for any decisions made by the client to prune or remove trees where any such statutory protection exists.

- TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE FENCING & GROUND PROTECTION SPECIFICATION -

Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZs), shall be enclosed by Temporary Protective Fencing and/or, where necessary, Temporary Ground Protection Measures. The fencing/ground protection Type(s), locations, and extents shall be agreed, in writing, with the Local Planning Authority (LPA). In turn, the Temporary Protective Fencing and/or Temporary Ground Protection Measures shall:

- 1. be constructed as in accordance with the Type 1, Type 2 or Type 3 'Temporary Protective Fencing Construction' sections and, where applicable the 'Temporary Ground Protection Measures' section, as detailed herein and agreed, in advance with the LPA;
- 2. be retained in place throughout the development process until completion of the project, and only removed following receipt of written permission from the LPA;
- 3. be sited in the area(s) defined by the Root Protection Areas on the associated Tree Impact Plan, or as the CEZs on the Tree Protection Plan;
- 4. be erected prior to any construction, demolition or excavation works and remain in place for the duration of the project;
- 5. preclude any delivery of site accommodation and/or materials and/or plant machinery;
- preclude all construction related activity, with the sole exception of specified arboricultural works and any other works to be carried out under supervision that have been agreed by all parties;
- 7. preclude the storage of all development related materials and substances including fuels, oils, additives, cement and/or any other deleterious substance; and
- 8. be affixed with a 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT" (see Figure 1, below), at every 10.0 metre length of protective fencing.
- 9. <u>Important</u>: Any incursion into CEZs must be by prior arrangement, following consultation with the LPA.

Figure 1: CEZ Warning Sign

- TREE PROTECTION AREA - KEEP OUT!

(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)

THE TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS AND/OR SUBJECTS OF A 'TREE PRESERVATION ORDER', THE CONTRAVENTION OF WHICH MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE OBSERVED BY ALL PERSONNEL:

- THE PROTECTIVE FENCING MUST NOT BE MOVED
- NO PERSON SHALL ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO MACHINE, PLANT OR VEHICLES SHALL ENTER THE EXCLUSION ZONF
- NO MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO SPOIL SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO EXCAVATION SHALL OCCUR IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO FIRES SHALL BE LIT IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
 ANY INCURSION INTO THE EXCLUSION ZONE MUST BE WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY



Type 1 (i.e. 'Default') Temporary Protective Fencing Construction (see Figure 2, below)

- 1. Temporary protective fencing panels shall be weldmesh "Heras" panels of at least 2.0 metres in height.
- 2. The panels shall butt together and be securely fixed to a scaffold framework, as per points 3 to 5 of Figure 2, overleaf.
- 3. The scaffold framework shall comprise of upright poles of at least 3.0 metres in length driven no less than 0.6 metres into the ground at maximum 3.0 metre centres with horizontal and diagonal poles fixed to the uprights, as per points 4 to 5.
- 4. The two horizontal rail poles shall be attached to the uprights at heights of 0.6 and 1.8 metres with 3 no. clamps to each joint.
- 5. The diagonal scaffold pole struts be clamped to the top rail of the scaffold framework at a 45° angle and extend back into the CEZ and clamped to a 0.7 metre length of scaffold tube that shall be driven no less than 0.5m into the ground.
- 6. No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to tree roots when locating posts.
- 7. A 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT" (see Figure 1) shall be fixed to every 10.0 metre length of protective fencing.
- 8. On completion of erection, and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the Consulting Arboriculturist or the LPA Tree Officer, as agreed, shall inspect the Temporary Protective Fencing.

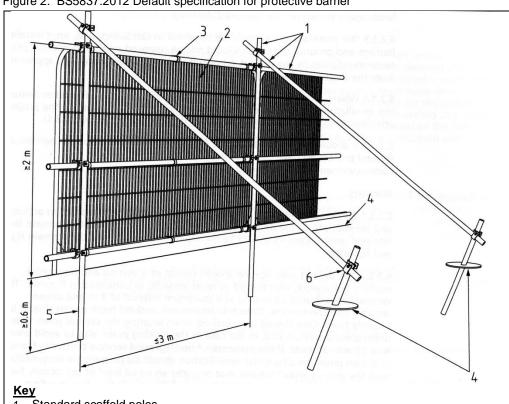


Figure 2: BS5837:2012 Default specification for protective barrier

- 1. Standard scaffold poles.
- Heavy gauge 2 metre tall galvanised tube and welded mesh infill panels
- Panels secured to uprights and cross members with wires ties
- Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6 metres)
- Standard scaffold clamps

Type 2 Temporary Protective Fencing Construction (see Figure 3(a), below)

- 1. Temporary protective fencing panels shall be weldmesh "Heras" panels of at least 2.0 metres in height.
- 2. The panels shall stand on rubber or concrete feet.
- 3. The panels shall butt together, and be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence.
- 4. The distance between the fence couplers shall be at least 1.0 metre, and shall be uniform throughout the fence.
- 5. The panels shall be supported on the inner side by stabiliser struts, which shall be clamped to the scaffold framework at a 45° angle and extend back into the CEZ and shall be attached to a base plate, which shall be secured to the ground with pins (Figure 3a).
- 6. No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to tree roots when locating posts.
- 7. A 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT" (see Figure 1) shall be fixed to every 10.0 metre length of protective fencing.
- 8. On completion of erection, and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the Consulting Arboriculturist or the LPA Tree Officer, as agreed, shall inspect the Temporary Protective Fencing.

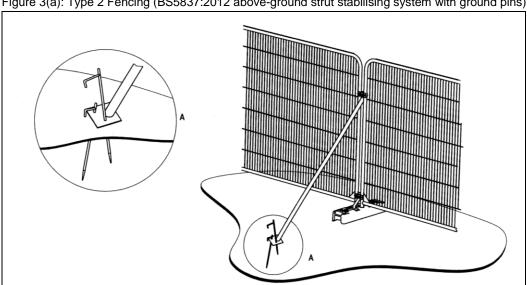
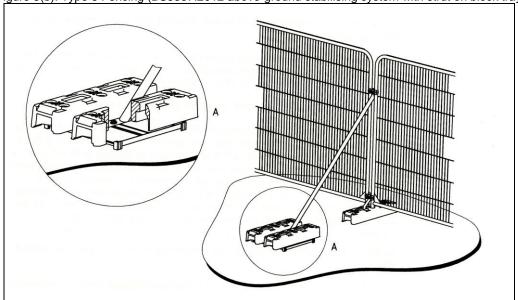


Figure 3(a): Type 2 Fencing (BS5837:2012 above-ground strut stabilising system with ground pins)

Type 3 Temporary Protective Fencing Construction (see Figure 3(b), overleaf)

- 1. Temporary protective fencing panels shall be weldmesh "Heras" panels of at least 2.0 metres in height.
- 2. The panels shall stand on rubber or concrete feet.
- 3. The panels shall butt together, and be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence.
- 4. The distance between the fence couplers shall be at least 1.0 metre, and shall be uniform throughout the fence.
- 5. The panels shall be supported on the inner side by stabiliser struts, which shall be clamped to the scaffold framework at a 45° angle and extend back into the CEZ and shall be attached to a block tray base (Figure 3b).
- 6. No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to tree roots when locating posts.
- 7. A 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT" (see Figure 1) shall be fixed to every 10.0 metre length of protective fencing.
- 8. On completion of erection, and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the Consulting Arboriculturist or the LPA Tree Officer, as agreed, shall inspect the Temporary Protective Fencing.

Figure 3(b): Type 3 Fencing (BS5837:2012 above-ground stabilising system with strut on block tray)



Temporary Ground Protection

- 1. Any necessary Temporary Ground Protection areas shall conform to Figure 4, below, unless otherwise agreed with the LPA.
- 2. The Ground Protection Area shall be left undisturbed and covered by a semi-permeable geotextile membrane which shall, in turn, be covered by a compressible layer consisting of a material such as woodchip.
- 3. Side-butting scaffold boards shall then be fitted to cover the Ground Protection Area.
- 4. On completion of installation, and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the Consulting Arboriculturist or the LPA Tree Officer, as agreed, shall inspect the Temporary Ground Protection.
- 5. The Temporary Ground Protection shall remain in place until completion of the project and only removed following receipt of written permission from the LPA.

Figure 4: Temporary Ground Protection — Recommended Construction

Protective fencing

Protected by general fabric, and side butting scal fold boards on a compressible layer

Ground undisturbed and protected by general fabric, and side butting scall fold boards on a compressible layer

