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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

87 Ribchester Road, Clayton Le Dale, Blackburn, BB1 9HT

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- The requirement of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been made regarding a proposed domestic property development. The address of the development is:

87 Ribchester Road
Clayton Le Dale
BB1 8HT

- Concerns regarding three trees onsite. The trees are in the front garden area and west side boundary of the property.

Approximate locations of the trees represented by the green dots. With Tree 1 at the top and Tree 3 being the bottom.



- The tree details are as follows:

TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE FOR ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT APPRAISAL 05-07-2023															Page 1
Site: 87 Ribchester Rd, Clayton Le Dale BB1 9HT															
Agent for client: wma-consulting															
No	Species	Height	DBH	Branch spread		Branch & canopy clearance	Age class	SC	PC	General Observations & Comments	Management Recommendations	ERC	Cat. Grade	RPA Radius	RPA M2
1	Norway Spruce	12	350	N E S W	1 1 1 1	9 9	EM	F	F	Ivy covered tall tree with very small crown growing in-between the telegraph post and T2. Low value tree with likelihood of becoming a future telegraph post issue	Fell to ground level	<10	C1	N/A	
2	Scots pine	13	450	N E S W	3 4 4 3	6.12 5.74	EM	G	G	Good example of a scots pine, clear stem & reasonably balanced crown, free from visible defects.	The tree RPA should be cleared of debris and keep clear. No storage of building materials within RPA during development.	>40	A1	5.4	92
3	Silver birch	10	300	N E S W	2 2 2 2	3 2.8	EM	F	G	Low aesthetic value tree, Ivy covered located between two properties.	Fell to ground level	<10	C1	N/A	

- After surveying the trees, the removal of low value trees has been recommended. Retaining the higher value tree: Tree 2 - Scots pine *Pinus sylvestris*.
- The proposed development is at the rear of the property. There are no trees in this area. Therefore, there are no arboricultural constraints upon development works.
- The tree to be retained is in the front garden, the Root Protection Area (RPA) is currently littered with various debris types, this should be removed, and the RPA kept clear from debris and the area not used for building material storage or preparation of building materials.

- **In summary of the assessment of the site:**

The proposed development is at the rear of the property where no valuable trees are present. The Scots pine tree in the front garden has good form and is in good condition, this tree ought to be retained as a feature tree. Its protection during the development, namely the root area - as the crown and lowest branches are high enough to facilitate vehicle movement and material deliveries - can be achieved by keeping vehicle traffic on the existing driveway and prevent the storage of building material and the preparation of building materials from the RPA of the tree. These simple guidelines should be sufficient to protect the tree and ensure its good health post development.

- **Recommendations** – Fence off the RPA of the Scots pine to ensure the RPA does not suffer from compaction and contamination from building preparation residues.
A fence of substantial structure ought to be installed delineating the extent of the RPA and act as a barrier for the purpose of the protection of the RPA. The fence should be installed 5.4 meters to the south from the stem cutting across the garden to the drive west to east and run along the side of the driveway north to south meeting the east west fence and the front boundary wall. This should provide sufficient protection of the exposed and vulnerable RPA.
Walker's tree services will oversee the installation of the fence to ensure its correct dimensions.

