Arboricultural Consultation Response

Application No: 25/00922/FUL	**Location:** 8 Mill Lane, Alwalton
Case Officer: RFI	**Proposals:** Detached self-build dwelling on land adjacent

Observations:

The proposal is located within the Conservation Area, and there are a number of mature trees growing within influencing distance of the proposal. These are predominantly located around the opposite side of the site, and need to be taken into consideration as part of the design and application processes.



Any application would therefore have to demonstrate that there will be no significant impact to these trees and that any retained trees will be protected during the construction process. In this case, the proposal is on the opposite side of the current building, and so is unlikely to have any impact on the trees nearby.



The proposal of fencing of the rear garden removes any issues in that area. A tree two small stretches of low value hedging is due to be removed to allow the development but the impacts of this are negligible.

LP 30: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

This policy focuses on safeguarding and enhancing the district's ecological value.

- **Development must avoid harm** to biodiversity and geodiversity assets, including trees, woodlands, and habitats.
- Proposals should align with national planning policy.
- If harm is unavoidable, it must be **minimised and mitigated**, with compensation as a last resort.
- The policy supports the **protection of trees** as part of wider ecological networks—especially those with veteran or ancient status.

This indirectly reinforces the protection of RPAs by discouraging development that would damage root systems or tree health.

LP 31: Trees, Woodland, Hedges and Hedgerows

- Development proposals must **retain and protect existing trees**, especially those of high arboricultural or landscape value.
- **Encroachment into RPAs is discouraged**, and any such impact must be justified and mitigated.
- Proposals should include **tree surveys and arboricultural impact assessments**, following BS5837 standards.
- New planting is encouraged to **enhance green infrastructure** and compensate for unavoidable losses.

Recommendation: Support Application.

Signed: NS	**Date: 20/10/2025**