7 Rear view of property showing foot access path in relation to tree

TREE PROTECTION PLAN – The Gardens, Mill Lane, Bluntisham, PE28 3LR

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 4 – 23/01931/HHFUL

Condition 4 - This is a pre-commencement condition to ensure that initial site operations do not harm any trees, shrubs and hedges to be retained on and adjacent to the site (and if necessary their replacement) in the interests of visual amenity, and to enhance the character and appearance of the site in accordance with Policies LP12 of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036.

THIS IS A RESUBMISSION TO DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE 3 POINTS OF FAILURE IN APPLICATION REF 24/80289/COND (TPP)

1. The supplied proposals document cites the Silver Birch as having a 330mm DBH. The document then says this equates to an RPA of approximately 3m. This is incorrect. The RPA is 12 times stem diameter, as such, the RPA should be 3.96m.

Tree Protection Site Plan to scale attached and showing correct RPA dimension of 3960mm

2. The supplied drawing shows an RPA. This is not to scale and also based on the information above, the RPA is incorrectly sized.

RPA of 3960mm correctly sized and fully to scale and included on plan

3. The plan does not show the alignment of the proposed Tree Protection Fencing.

Tree Protection Fencing clearly annotated and showing position and alignment on plan

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Development Proposal:

This report covers one remaining Silver Birch tree at the rear of the site and covers the potential impact of demolition and construction of an extension. This will be sited on the existing footprint with the tree situated some 12 metres away from the zone of influence of any construction.

To support this report I have attached an additional document that shows a full Tree Protection Site Plan to scale

Tree Description

Silver Birch (Betula pendula)

This single remaining Silver Birch should not impact on any of the work involved as it is not within the zone of influence of any construction.

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The tree is a low water demand tree of moderate quality and value and will be considered for retention and incorporated into development design where possible.

Positionally the tree is situated some 12 metres away from the nearest point of the extension construction.

Root Protection Area (RPA)

Silver birch (Betula pendula) - Stem DBH 330mm = radius of RPA 3960mm

This has been calculated 3960mm which will be left undisturbed around the tree which includes compaction by machinery. This area will be protected during site works with fixed heras fencing panels (design and signage drawing included in application) to ensure long-term survival and resource availability (water, nutrients, air) for the tree.

As you can see the rear garden is fully enclosed by a ranch style fence (photo 1 and 2) and access can only be gained via a secure gate at the side.

Also during initial groundwork and subsequent construction, all vehicles on site or vehicle deliveries will take place outside of this fencing and never come into any close contact with the said tree.

The construction work (including accessing and storing materials on site) should allow for the defined RPAs and branch protection. These will be identified on site to the building team as part of the tree protection plan and be put in place before construction begins.

As additional protection, storage of materials, parking and movement of any construction vehicles will be restricted to the drive at the front of the property which is well away from the rear construction area and tree (photo 3 and 4).

Site access

Access to work site will be using the right hand side pathway on the opposite side of the house to the tree (see photo 5,6 and 7)

Summary of actions to be taken:

1 Instal heras fencing around the tree in question with an RPA of 3996mm ahead of commencement of any work - see scaled drawing attached

2 Ensure that front driveway is clear at all times during construction period to ensure action 3 can be carried out

3 Use front driveway for works vehicles, deliveries, storage and cement mixing

4 Access to work site will be using the right hand side pathway on the opposite side of the house to the tree

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Photographic Record

1 Rear drive view towards tree from extension's closest point (12 metres



2 View from tree towards extension site from outer fencing

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3 Front driveway showing proximity to rear drive and tree – to be used for parking and movement of any vehicles used for deliveries and construction



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4 Front driveway demonstrating size – more than adequate to house vehicles and deliveries



5 Front elevation of house showing foot access to site



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6 Front elevation of house showing right hand side access path



