# *Arboricultural Consultation*

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| **Proposal:** Erection of self build dwelling and garage | **Location:** 28 St Neots Road<br>Abbotsley |
| **Case Officer:** | **Application:** **24/01866/FUL** |

## Summary

## No objections to the proposal.

**Observations**

The Arb report dated Feb 2024 submitted is considered to be in line with BS5837. The trees across the site are assessed as providing reasonable levels of public visual amenity.

The suggested removals are considered to be acceptable given the remainder of the trees that are to be retained.

Advice to case officer - Conditions: Please attach the following conditions to any consent granted.

1. *Arb Method Statement*

*Notwithstanding the details in the AIA prepared by Tracey Clarke Consultancy submitted, no works or development shall take place until a detailed arboricultural method statement (as alluded to at Section 535 of the above report) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*

2. *Tree protection*

*The approved tree protection measures shall be implemented in line with the submitted report TCTC-19008-A - specifically Tree Protection Scheme: TCTC-19008-PL-03 on page 3, before any equipment, machinery, or materials are brought on to the site in connection with the works. They shall be retained intact for the duration of the construction works and shall only be removed or altered following completion.*

Additionally, the Arb report makes reference at 4.4 to replacement plantings, these details should be secured by way of a suitably worded compliance condition such as below.

3. *Landscape*

*No development shall commence until above slab level until details of both hard and soft landscape works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include:*
*Hard landscape works, to include but not be limited to, full details of boundary treatments (including the position, height, design, material) to be erected and paved surfaces (including manufacturer, type, colour and size) and lighting.*
*Soft landscape works, to include planting plans, written specifications (including cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment), schedules of plants noting species, plant sizes, proposed numbers and densities, tree pit details (where appropriate) including, but not limited to, locations, soil volume in cubic metres, cross sections and dimensions and archaeological effects.*
*An implementation programme for the landscape works.*
*Full details of landscape maintenance regimes after completion of works.*
*These works shall be carried out in full accordance with the approved details.*
*Any trees or plants planted in connection with the approved soft landscape details which within a period of five years from planting die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced in the next planting season with other of the same size and species as those originally planted, unless the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent to any variation.*

The above comments are considered to be in line with the following sections of the formally adopted HDC Policy.

**LP 31** **Trees, Woodland, Hedges and Hedgerows** A proposal will be required to demonstrate that the potential for adverse impacts on trees, woodland, hedges and hedgerows has been investigated. Where investigations show that such adverse impacts are possible a statement will be required that:

b. sets out how the details of the proposal have been decided upon in terms of their impact on the value of trees, woodland, hedges and hedgerows and how adverse impacts will be avoided as far as possible, or if unavoidable how they will be minimised as far as possible.
A proposal will only be supported where it seeks to conserve and enhance any existing tree, woodland, hedge or hedgerow of value that would be affected by the proposed development. In such cases the proposal will be expected to make reference to and follow the guidance contained in the Council's A Tree Strategy for Huntingdonshire (2015) or successor documents. Loss, threat or damage to any tree, woodland, hedge or hedgerow of visual, heritage or nature conservation value will only be acceptable where:
c. it is addressed firstly by seeking to avoid the impact, then to minimise the impact and finally where appropriate to include mitigation measures;

**Recommendations: No objections subject to the suggested Compliance Conditions.**

**Conditions:**

| **Signed:** | **Date: 04/01/2025** |
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