Arboricultural Consultation Response

Application No: 25/00080/FUL	**Location:** Land At 62 Desborough Road Hartford
Case Officer: OM	**Proposals:** Proposed new build dwelling within existing garden

Comments

The site is not located within the Conservation Area and there are no TPO's present on site.





We have received a list of trees on site with the relevant measurements, and although this was not completed by an Arb professional, it clearly shows that there are no trees of high value on the site.

Appendix 2 - Tree and Shrub Schedule

Planting A	Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
1 - Boxus	130cm	200cm	200cm	Category A

Planting B	Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
1 - Cotoneaster	400cm	450cm	680m	Category C
2 - Conifer	360cm	80cm	80cm	Category C
3 - Euonymus	<150cm			Category C
4 - Escallonia	<150cm			Category C
5 - Juniperus	<150cm			Category C
6 – Choisya	<150cm			Category C

Planting C	Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
1- Viburnum	350cm	210cm	240cm	Category U
2 -Conifer	400cm	190cm	100cm	Category U
3 - Honeysuckle	190cm	300cm	130cm	Category U
4 - Forsythia	190cm	300cm	150cm	Category U

Planting D	Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
1- Viburnam	290cm	190m	100cm	Category U
2 - Conifer	400cm	290cm	290cm	Category U

Planting E	Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
1- Prunis	600cm	240cm	240cm	Category U
2 - Mahonia	210cm	240cm	240cm	Category U
3 - Damson Tree	500cm	660cm	660cm	Category U
4 - Dogwood	210cm	530cm	230cm	Category U

Category A
Shrubs with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least40 years. Trees which are particularly good examples of their species.

Category C
Unremarkable shrubs of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories.

Category U
Shrubs in such condition that they cannot be realistically retained as living trees in the context of the proposed land use.

Reference: Table 1 BS5837:2012

Planting F Laurel			
Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
330cm	430m	430cm	Category A

Planting G *Aucuba*			
Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
180cm	170cm	150cm	Category A

Planting H *Aucuba*			
Height	Width	Depth	Shrub Quality
190cm	190cm	150cm	Category A

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Drawn by:- R Buchan Dated:- 27/03/25

Any impact from the development will therefore be low, and I find no reason to object to the application.

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: 25/12/2025**