

## Tree Officer Comments

19 september 2024 24/0524 - Land north of Rock Cottage, Arcade Row, Penhow

Satisfied that we have all the tree info required and satisfied regarding the tree management proposals ie no tree issues from me .

### Additional Comments:

The tree is lapsed pollard with ash die back disease and is hollow .Ash as a species can be prone to structural weakness at the best of times and this trait in conjunction with the pre existing issues means that the tree should not be allowed to gain any size of pollarded stem diameter or the stems will split out of the tree. The tree is at that point now and is already a hazard/risk.

If the tree survives the ash die back disease the tree will require regular re pollarding to keep it in safe condition .The hollow nature of the tree makes this even more important as the tree is already structurally weak .

As a management technique pollarding can very significantly increase the life expectancy of a tree ( eg the life expectancy of an unpollarded willow can be 90 years , however a pollarded willow can live for hundreds of years , hence the pollarded willows on the Levels)

The photo below from the submitted tree information shows the previously pollarded ash tree with cavities .

Whilst I agree a large healthy ash tree could have an overbearing effect on the garden/development - this tree is not a healthy tree and should never to allowed to reach a large size .

By regular re pollarding the tree can be retained , it is characterful tree and will be undoubtably be a haven for biodiversity .

If this was an NCC tree , I would take a lot of the weight out of the stems ( pollard) and then add it to a pollarding schedule of every 10 years or so .

I would also give it a dose of "Enerbite" to counteract the ash die and hope it pulls through – any risk would then be minimised.

This is how we manage an ancient ash with is hundreds of years old at Llanvaches and it works there.



This image left shows the various decayed pruning wounds that extend back into the hollow stem. Great for wildlife but not good for structural support of weak limbs near buildings.

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As previous comments and email below JP Tree Consultant – **no objections** .

**NB/ no landscaping whatsoever within the RPA of the ash tree T1 as previously stated .**

**Please see “conditions” below (if this application is granted) :-**

**A pre-commencement site** meeting shall be held prior to any works commencing on site, to agree all approved processes with the appointed Arboricultural Consultant /NCC Tree Officer and construction personnel. To formally agree the methods of work, material storage, parking and tree protection measures prior to commencement of the development.

At the time of the meeting, points of contact and lines of communication will be established prior to commencement of the works on site.

Details of the meeting and project contacts should be forwarded to the Tree Officer at Newport City Council .

Reason: To protect important landscape features within the site.

**Management of the veteran ash tree T1- TPP and TCP James Pinder Tech Cert (Arbor A) Date: 24.05.23**

No development, to include demolition, shall commence until a tree management plan has been submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Relating to Tree Technical Note: James Pinder Tech Cert (Arbor A) Date: 24.05.23

Reason: To protect important landscape features within the site.

### **Tree Protection Plan**

CO08

() No development, to include demolition, shall commence until the accurate Tree Protection Plan (in accordance with BS 5837:2012) has been implemented by means the security fence as shown in the Tree Protection Plan submitted as submitted by **Treecare Consulting ( James Pinder ) Tree report** James Pinder Tech Cert (Arbor A) Date: 24.05.23

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan James Pinder Tech Cert (Arbor A) Date: 24.05.23

Reason: To protect important landscape features within the site.

### **Root Protection Barrier**

CO09

() No operations of any description (this includes all forms of development, tree felling, tree pruning, temporary access construction, soil moving, temporary access construction and operations involving the use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery), shall commence on site in connection with the development until the Root Protection Barrier fencing has been installed in accordance with the approved Tree Protection Plan James Pinder Tech Cert (Arbor A) Date: 24.05.23

No excavation for services, storage of materials or machinery, parking of vehicles, deposits or excavation of soil or rubble, lighting of fires or disposal of liquids shall take place within the Root Protection Area.

Erect all weather notices on Heras fencing, 1 per 10 panels, stating ' CONSTRUCTION EXCUSION ZONE NO ACCESS'

The fencing shall be retained for the full duration of the development, and shall not be removed or repositioned without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect important landscape features within the site.

### **Arboriculturalist**

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() No development, to include demolition, shall commence until an Arboriculturalist has been appointed, as first agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, to oversee the project (to perform a Watching Brief) for the duration of the development and who shall be responsible for –

(a) Pre construction site meeting

(b) Signing off the tree root protection barrier

c)Oversee working within any Root Protection Area including landscaping ;

d)Reporting to the Local Planning Authority;

e)The Arboricultural Consultant will provide site progress reports to the Council's Tree Officer at intervals to be agreed by the Councils Tree Officer.

Reason: To protect important landscape features within the site.

