

Newport City Council – Planning Consultation

Application Number: 26/0474

Site: 15 Ridgeway Newport NP20 5AF

Proposal: OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A SINGLE DWELLING WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED EXCLUDING ACCESS AND SCALE

Date: 23rd July 2026

Arboricultural Remarks.

Tree Survey and Tree Constraints Plan (TCP)

The Tree Survey and Tree Constraints Plan although dating back to 2025 is accepted for this outline planning application, but will need updating when a full planning application is submitted.

It is noted that the brief Arboricultural Implications Assessment, dated 15.6.26, mentions T4 as having a 'potential low stem defect' and this provides an opportunity to negotiate with NCC to enable replacement planting of a younger lime tree in the highway verge. This seems to contradict the survey table which states for T4 that there are 'No significant defects in relation to site'. This needs clarifying.

Integration with Design Layout

Any proposed design layout submitted must have the TCP accurately overlaid, showing crown spreads, RPAs and tree numbers, to demonstrate how arboricultural constraints have informed the design.

As the tree plan is deemed to be Tree Protection Plan the proposed design layout needs to be shown so any initial tree related conflicts can be determined.

Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS)

The somewhat generic Arboricultural Implications Assessment is accepted for this outline planning application, however for the full planning application an Arboricultural Implications Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement with a Tree Removal, Retention and Protection Plan, will be required. This must be a site-specific assessment of the impact of the proposal on retained trees and set out how these impacts will be avoided, reduced or otherwise managed. Depending on the findings, a redesign may be necessary.

Standards and Competency

All arboricultural reports must strictly follow the specifications of BS5837:2012 and must be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced arboriculturalist.

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¹ *Arboriculturalist* -person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction (section 3.3. BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations (2012)