

Newport City Council – Planning Consultation

Application Number: 26/0425

Site: Land To The Rear Of The Kings Arms Belmont Hill, Caerleon

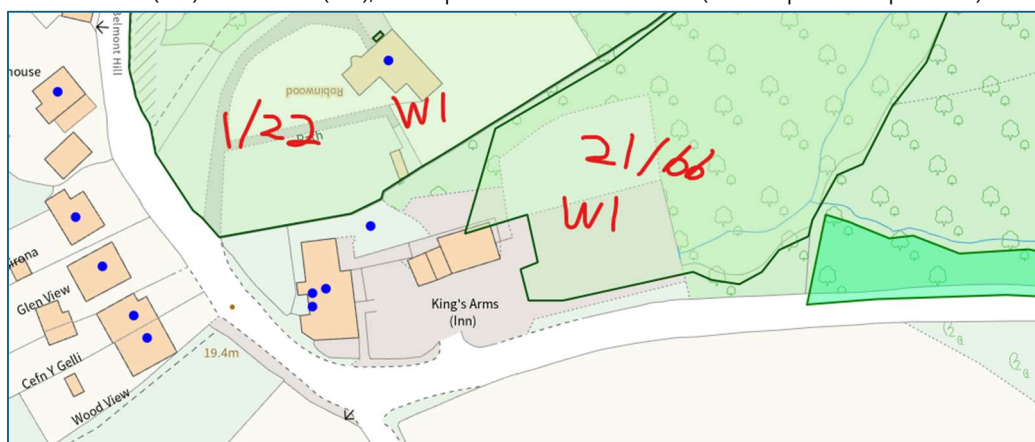
Proposal: CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A KITCHEN GARDEN AND ORCHARD TO PROVIDE ORGANIC FOOD FOR THE ASSOCIATED RESTAURANT (PART RETROSPECTIVE)

Date: 23/7/26

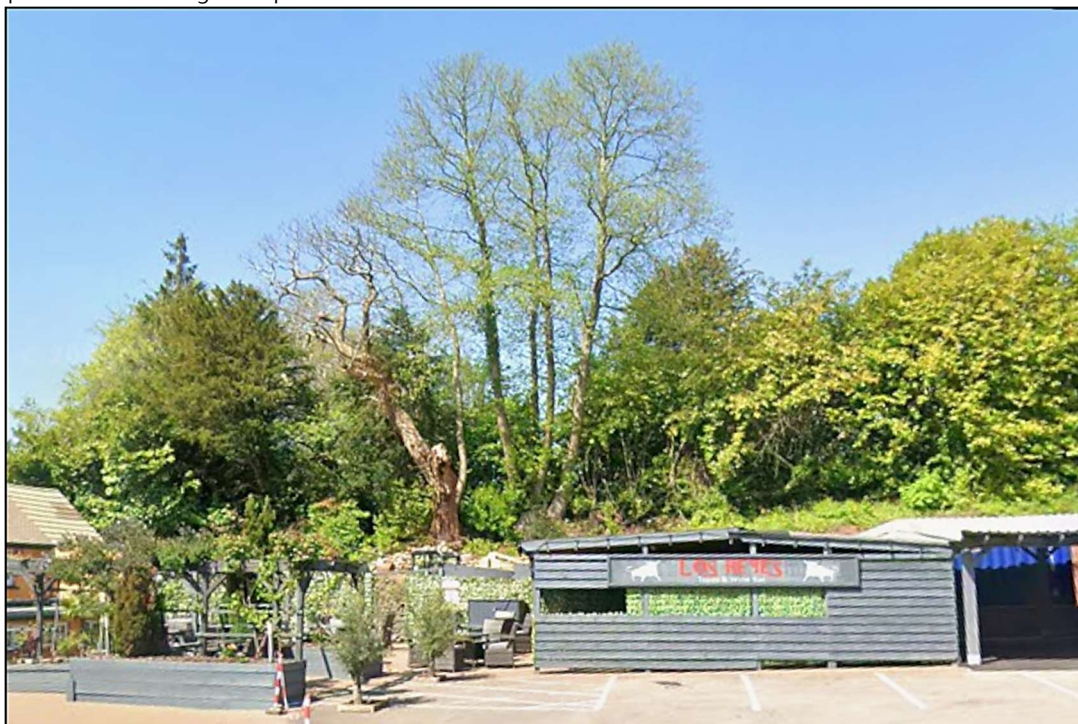
Arboricultural Remarks.

It is noted that the trees adjoining the site are afforded protection under two Tree Preservation Orders:-

Reference: 21 of 1966 (W1) and 1 of 22 (W1), which protects both woodlands (refer to plan excerpt below).



The proposed retaining wall abuts the wooded bank which has protected trees growing on it (Tree Preservation Order 1/22 (W1), which can be seen in the Google Image below. Therefore the following report is required in order to assess the impact of the retaining wall upon the trees:-



Tree Survey and Tree Constraints Plan (TCP)

In accordance with BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations (2012), a **Tree Survey and Tree Constraints Plan** must be submitted with the application, to include all trees, shrubs or hedges on the bank, within 15m of the proposed retaining wall (i.e. within potential influencing distance).

The tree survey must clearly show crown spreads and Root Protection Areas, which must then be considered as a constraint to development.

Integration with Design Layout

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

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

A combined AIA/AMS should be included in the above report to include a Tree Removal, Retention and Protection Plan, or it can be submitted as a stand-alone report. This must assess 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. This must include a specification on the use of root barriers in the construction of the retaining wall.

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)