

Newport City Council – Planning Consultation

Application Number: 25/0561

Proposal: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Site: Tredegar House Pencarn Way Duffryn Newport South Wales NP10 8TH

Date 3.3.26.

Arboricultural Remarks.

The additional detail in relation to compound location and access routes is welcomed, as is the details for installing posts within Root Protection Areas. Whilst this is not a combined AIA / AMS as requested, the information provided is adequate and there are no further arboricultural objections.

Point 10 in the - Excavating holes in a rooting area JPTC document - relates to Arboricultural Watching Brief visits 'as and when'. This is vague and visits **must be conditioned** to occur during any removal or construction of play equipment within or close to Root Protection Areas. The Project Arborist must initially undertake an Arboricultural Watching Brief visit to ensure all the tree protection measures including protective fencing and ground protection measures are in place and 'signed off'. Once signed off Arboricultural Watching Brief visits should occur weekly during periods when work is occurring in the Root Protection Area of trees with monthly reports to the Local Planning Authority.

Date: 11.12.25

Arboricultural Remarks.

The Tree Survey with Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Protection Plan dated 24.11.25 (although the latter should be regarded as draft at this stage), is produced by Treecare Consulting, is from a bona fide arboricultural consultant and its findings are acceptable.

Whilst the Tree Survey offers useful advice on tree protection measures, these are generic and do not specifically relate to the proposed demolition work or layout, at this stage. Therefore, in accordance with BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations (2012), and given the scale of the proposal, a combined **Arboricultural Implications Assessment / Arboricultural Method Statement with Tree, Removal, Retention and Protection Plan** will be required (not conditioned), to assess the impact of the demolition and design proposal on trees and how these impacts can be reduced or resolved, which may require a redesign.

In order to assess the impacts, the following information as a minimum must be supplied by the applicant and considered within the combined AIA / AMS –

- (1) site layout with current and proposed ground levels clearly shown
- (2) cross section plans for level changes near trees as applicable (with the Tree Constraints Plan layer overlaid to show trees and Root Protection Areas in their correct locations).
- (3) Contractor compounds, car parks, access, and temporary access routes.

Two Tree Removal, Retention and Protection Plans are required –

- (1) Showing the demolition of existing structures/play equipment etc.
- (2) showing the proposed construction work.

All reports must strictly follow the specifications of BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction – Recommendations (2012) and must..... *be undertaken by an¹ arboriculturalist.....*

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¹ *Arboriculturist* -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))