

REFERENCE: RECON 26/0234

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED NEW AGRICULTURAL ACCESS TO SERVICE
EXISTING FARM BUILDINGS AND FARM HOLDING

SITE: Pen Y Groes Penylan Road Bassaleg Newport NP10 8RW

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

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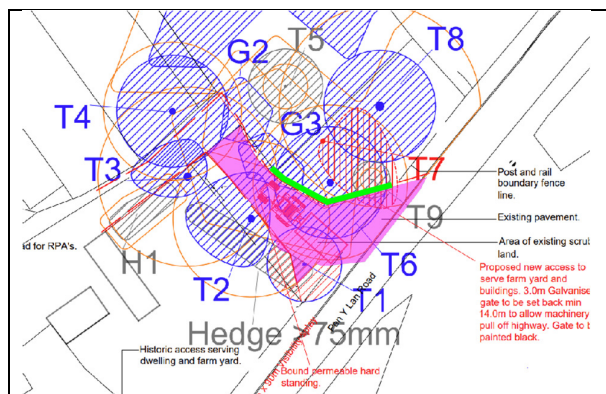
RECOMMENDATION: NO OBJECTION – minor revision required

Comments:

A Tree Survey to BS5837 has now been submitted. One tree [T1 aspen] will be removed, tree replacement will be undertaken at a 3 to 1 ratio although it is not clear where on site.

Of concern is the impact on the trees of a 'no-dig with bound surface' for the first 5 meters to meet Highways requirements as this is not clearly shown on the Tree Protection Plan. Work is proposed very close to the trunks of semi-mature beech at the site entrance T2 and T6. I would advise that the 'no dig' should be under arboricultural supervision to ensure the topsoil layer is fully retained. Please refer to comments from the Tree Team as to whether further information is required.

The hedge planting shown on the soft landscape plan may not be very successful under the beech canopy of T6 [refer my approximate overlay below], the mix includes alder whereas a higher percentage of natural understorey species such as holly may be more successful.



The plan should refer to the Tree Protection Plan - the following generic specification should be removed as the area is fully covered by tree root protection areas.

Landscape Specification

Soil resources: Soil stripping and removal when wet can damage the delicate ecological structure within the top soil region. Consequently, all topsoil should be stripped when dry (in the summer month for reuse in landscape areas). Stripped soils to be stored in bunds no more than 2 m high and kept grassed and free from construction traffic until required for reuse. The depth of topsoil depends on the landscape requirements and these range between the following;