

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/0792

PROPOSAL: DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BASSALEG BRIDGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE STRUCTURE ACROSS THE EBBW RIVER TO FACILITATE VEHICULAR ACCESS TO FORGE MEWS FROM VIADUCT WAY

SITE: Bridge Over Ebbw River Forge Mews Bassaleg NP10 8NE

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

Given the public views and heritage context all visible faces of the abutments and wing walls are to be clad in calow sandstone slips.

Following pre-app advice a tree survey and protection plan has been provided. The group highlighted below are proposed for removal.



The Green Infrastructure Statement provides for tree mitigation along Laurel Road (at a 3 to 1 ratio) – see paragraph 2.2.2 and plan A.4 below.

2.2.2 Tree planting Eight trees will be removed to accommodate the installation of the new Bassaleg Bridge. These eight trees are of the following species: Honey locust, silver birch and rowan. A total of 24 native trees will be planted along Laurel Road, where there are significant gaps in existing tree cover and the ground conditions are appropriate. Proposed tree species are field maple, rowan, silver birch, hazel and bird cherry. These would be planted as 2m standards at 3m spacing; or 1.2m bare root specimens at 2m spacing. A maintenance plan will be created to ensure that the planted trees are regularly watered and replaced like-for-like (or with an alternative native specimen if it is apparent that disease is the reason for failure) if they fail to thrive.	A map of the area around the bridge. A shaded red bounded polygon indicates the location of the proposed development. Green points indicate the location of native species tree planting. A legend at the bottom left explains these symbols. A scale bar and north arrow are at the bottom right.
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I assume others in NCC have been involved with this proposal as Laurel Road is a residential road with some grass slopes and trees, so location of native species in relation to service runs and shadowing etc will need to be considered along with ongoing maintenance.