

Newport City Council – Planning Consultation

Application Number: 25/1056

Proposal: REPLACEMENT OF THE DEMOLISHED DWELLING "BRAMLEY"

Site: Bramley Catsash Road Newport NP18 2LZ

Date: 3.3.2026

Arboricultural Remarks.

The tree survey and Tree Constraints Plan has been undertaken by a bona fide Arboricultural Consultant and is accepted.

The Arboricultural Implications Assessment is generic but broadly acceptable. The construction of the new dwelling is also accepted in principle in relation to the existing / retained trees.

The presence of two 'Wheelchair access paths' are noted within the Root Protection Area of trees 7 – 10, H1, and T14. Additionally, the house has been built close to the early mature hedge (H1) and encroaches its Root Protection Area by 1.5m .

- The loss of T1 , T12 and one of the hazels (3) is accepted as is the need to coppice another if required.
- The location of the new house located within the Root Protection Area of Hedge H1 is not acceptable, when there seems to be space to move the house eastwards to avoid this conflict and provide adequate space to construct the foundations, house, and maintain this fast-growing hedge. The hedge has a potentially significant life span given that it is only early mature and as advised in the Report, it provides important screening to and from the adjoining property. Any root damage whilst accepted within the Arboricultural Implications Assessment (Section 3.3) can lead to stress within the affected trees and provide opportunities for latent or active pathogens. At 6m high and with the hedge being to the west of the house, this will also cast significant shade in the late afternoon / evening to the west side of the property.
- The construction of paths within the Root Protection Area of trees is in principle acceptable, however it will need detailing, following the principles provided within the Arboricultural Implications Assessment (Appendix 3). This must include an assessment of the levels, how it will tie in to surrounding levels, a site-specific specification and drawing for the contractors to follow. **This should be submitted within an amended Arboricultural Implications Assessment with a combined Arboricultural Method Statement.**
- **The Landscape Plan should be considered within the revised Arboricultural Implications Assessment and the combined Arboricultural Method Statement**, to include any landscape activities occurring within the Root Protection Area of existing trees and whether or not adequate mitigation is being offered for the tree losses. Landscape planting must be avoided within the RPAs.
- Arboricultural Watching Brief visits must be included in the amended Arboricultural Implications Assessment with combined Arboricultural Method Statement, to oversee works in the Root Protection Area and to ensure tree protection measures is fit for purpose and remains in place during ground preparation/construction works. Frequency of watching brief inspections should be weekly until protection measures have been signed off and then fortnightly thereafter.

All Reports must strictly follow the specifications of BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction – Recommendations (2012) and must..... *be undertaken by an¹arboriculturalist.....*

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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)