

NCC PLANNING CONSULTATION _ TREES		Date:
NCC /Company Initials/ Consultant Initials	Planning Application No. 26/0070	
Planning Officer: Marnie Ostler		
Site Address: Land On The South West Side oEast Dock Road Newport South Wales		
Plans/documents considered: • South Wales Tree Services Ltd. Tree Work. Method Statement • Notice oDecision 20/1225 • Arboricultural Report 13th May 2021 • Planting & Management Plan Sheet 2 o2 January 2025 Rev B Jan 2026		
Summary: Only the specification for tree works can be discharged as part ocondition 3.		
Policy Consideration : Planning Policy Wales (PPW) – Edition 12 (February 2024) LDP Policy GP5 – General Development Principles (Natural Environment) SPG: Trees, Woodland, Hedgerows & Development Sites (2017)		
Discussion: Condition 3 oPlanning Consent 20/1225 requires: <i>Notwithstanding the screening process, no operations of any description (this includes all forms of development, tree felling, tree pruning, temporary construction access, soil moving and operations involving the use of motorised vehicles or construction machinery) shall commence until details of tree felling (Acer Saccharinum along Usk Way) and replacement trees (as set out in the Arboricultural Report, 13th May 2021) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall include:</i> <i>a) how the existing Acer Saccharinum along Usk Way will be removed, including details of felling and root removal, hours of working, traffic management on Usk Way and disposal of tree material;</i> <i>b) the position, species and size of the 19 no. replacement fastigate trees;</i> <i>c) a tree planting methodology, in include tree irrigation systems; and maintenance specification; and</i> <i>d) a timetable for the removal and planting of replacement trees.</i> <i>The tree removal and planting shall take place in accordance with the approved details and timetable.</i> <i>Reason: To ensure the ground is suitable for replacement trees and to secure appropriate replacement trees in the interests of visual amenity, in accordance with policies GP2 and GP5.</i>		

Conclusion:

A general tree pit specification is provided within Planting & Management Plan 2026. This does not fully comply with the Latest British Standard 8545 Trees from Nursery to Independence in the Landscape.

As the site is completely engineered, the risk of limited soil volumes, poor drainage and soil compaction is high to very high. I'm concerned at the depth of the rootball (as shown) is too deep as the top of the rootball is below ground level. Rootballed semi-mature trees should be installed on a compacted pit base to prevent settlement post-planting. No soil volumes are shown sufficient to support the tree in maturity. This is likely to impact on both the short and long-term survival of the installed trees and should be addressed.

The original consent application showed Silver Maples (trees 5 -21) to be removed and replaced with 19 fastigate trees along Usk Way. Working methods for tree works are shown and are acceptable. This area now appears to be outside the RED line of the application Site in the Planting & Management Plan Sheet 2 of 2, January 2025 Rev B Jan 2026. Condition three specifically relates to these trees and cannot therefore be discharged as no tree replacements are shown.

Tree protection is stated as complying with BS 5837 (2005) this should be in accordance with BS5837:2012 as a minimum as indicated in the Approved Arb TS report.

Recommendation: Only the specification for tree works can be discharged as part of condition 3.