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METHOD STATEMENT REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON HURST WOOD SINC

Site Visit and Details

The site was visited on 19th January 2022 with a view to assess the potential for the proposed development to impact on the adjacent Hurst Wood SINC. The weather at the time was overcast and dry. The woodland runs along the northwest side of the detached residential property.

There is one significant tree 8m from the proposal. However, this is at least 2m lower than the ground level in the garden. The Local Authority Tree Officer has been to the site and given the difference in ground level said the Council had no concerns regarding the development on the tree and did not request an Arboricultural Report.

Within the woodland there are a few Laurels within 1m of the fence line, however it appears that they been to have been planted as they are in a row and not native plants of the woodland.

Proposal

It is proposed to build a single storey side/rear extension on the northwest side of the house.

Considerations

Foundations

Foundation design has yet to be finalised but it is not considered it will have any negative impact upon the adjacent woodland, However, to be prudent any pad or footing will be lined with a DPCM prior to being concrete filled. This will ensure no leeching of chemicals toxic to roots; be they trees or ground flora, into the soil within the woodland.

Vibrations

The proposed footing has yet to be finalised but most likely it will be a pad with supporting steels but may be a traditional strip foundation design. Either way given the distance and height difference

from the tree, the limited amount of excavation needed is not considered to be detrimental to the woodland flora.

Dust from Construction

Construction activities can sometimes result in excessive dust within the immediate area. If the build of dust/particulate debris is significant this will periodically be hosed off the adjacent vegetation.

Damage to Above Tree Parts during Construction

Whilst the mature Oak within the woodland is within 8m of the proposal none of its branches extend over this area and therefore there is no risk to the branches from mechanical damage.

Noise

It is not considered the noise that will be generated from the proposal will have any detriment upon the fauna within the woodland. There will be minor disruption when the foundations are extracted and from cement mixers. Other machinery such as disc cutters et cetera are also likely to be used but not throughout the build process and often internally within the existing garage.

Conclusion

Given the above information we consider that the proposal will not impact negatively upon the adjacent Hurst Wood.