

Planning Application APP/16/01270 Smoking shelter

Arboricultural Implications Appraisal

As can be seen in the photographs already provided, the site for the proposed Smoking Shelter is a recently grassed area which has small, hardy bushes either end (W-E) which will in due course be shaped into screening hedges, some well-established ash trees about 2m or more away behind it against the wall (to the North) and one recently planted 3-4m silver birch sapling roughly 3m to the SE.

The Smoking Shelter will be placed on a concrete base approx 250 thick and about 300 wider on each side than the footprint of the shelter. Foundations/trenches which might cut into root structures will not be required. A small amount of levelling will be needed to achieve a flat surface... which will follow the lie of the land and tip very slightly to the East so that rainwater drains into the soil.

We do not believe that any trees will need to be removed nor that any root structures will be adversely affected, especially since we have recently added a considerable amount of soil to the site area and the ash tree roots are, therefore, well below the current soil surface, which has been laid to grass. The silver birch was only planted a few weeks ago, in an area which has around 2m of soft soil underneath to encourage roots to grow downwards.

No services will be required, nor demolition of any kind as there are no structures on the site. Mixing of construction materials and general building preparation work will be able to take place cleanly on LiveLink's parking area immediately to the West of the site and no plants should be affected by it. As the site has only recently been laid to grass, there should be a negligible effect on insects, birds/bats and any other fauna.

Once the concrete base has been made, erection of the Smoking Shelter is a simple matter of drilling holes in the concrete and bolting the parts together, none of which should affect any of the bushes and trees.

Arboricultural Method Statement

As a result of the above, we do not believe there is a requirement for an Arboricultural Method Statement.