

Arboricultural Survey and Proposed Actions during Development/Operation

Attached as a separate document is an arboricultural survey of the area undertaken by Thomson Ecology on behalf of the current landowners The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

This survey indicates the position, type and size of any trees within the overall site, with this proposal lying within as indicated on the supplied location and layout plans.

In light of various consultees' comments to our previous application (APP/14/00450) on an adjacent site, we have relocated the proposed development to an area which is more cognisant of the existing trees and ecology within the proposals zone of influence.

The revised location and layout of plant within the proposed compound would have an effect on a relatively small number of existing trees:

- T7: Category B Poplar would lie within the proposed shared access and turning area directly to east of the compound exit gates.
- T6: Category B Twin Stem Willow with deadwood in the crown would lie within the proposed compound at its western end.
- T3: Category C Twin Stem Willow would lie just outside the western compound boundary fence with the proposed deviation from dead straight of the fence line.
- Other trees adjacent to the site, although not within our demise, would have root protection zones which would encroach into our development area.

We propose to remove T7, T6 and T3 to enable proper and safe development and operation of the proposed installation.

To mitigate this loss we propose to plant trees of the same, or similar, type along the southern edge of our compound for the full length in order to redress both the visual amenity and ecological considerations.

Of the remaining trees which may be influenced by the build phase especially, we will provide a route protection plan and establish suitable Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZ).