

TREE STATEMENT

Comprehensive Landscaping Works

At

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Aldwick Bay
West Sussex
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1 The Fairway

1.00 INTRODUCTION

All works are to be carried out in accordance with Arbortech Tree Survey and the conditions of any planning consents granted.

- 1.01 The application site runs to 0.6 of an acre and is currently blighted by a large drainage ditch running the full length of the site parallel to Barack Lane. The ditch is lined on both sides internally with a dense conifer hedge about 2.5 m high believed to be around 15 years old and the remnants of an older belt of Sycamore trees, now in a poor condition and of little amenity value both to the site and in the wider environment. The drainage ditch is open and is about 5 m wide by 2 m deep.
- 1.02 As part of an overall modernisation of the existing house and a comprehensive re-working of the existing garden, the new owner has obtained an in principle agreement with The Environment Agency to culvert half the drainage ditch and create a new semi-dry lake and wetland area. This work is needed to maintain the current flood storage capacity on the site and create an enhanced ecological wetland environment and a more appropriate garden landscape.
- 1.03 The site is currently well screened on all sides by substantial hedges that will be retained, these provide good screening to mitigate the loss of the internal conifer hedges, which serve little purpose.
- 1.04 There was no evidence during a recent walkover with the EA and Arbortech that Bats or Woodpeckers are using the trees.

2.00 PROPOSALS

- 2.01 Draft proposals for the landscaping are shown on the illustrative masterplan drawing No UA/001/100. Some of the works proposed have been granted planning approval, others are to be the subject of future applications.
- 2.02 The culverting of the drainage ditch is currently the subject of a live application with The Environment Agency.
- 2.03 As part of the works outlined in 1.02 it is proposed to seek permission to remove the internal existing conifer hedges and the trees T1 – T10 associated with the drainage ditch as noted in the Arbortech Tree Survey.
- 2.04 The Arbortech Tree Survey suggests that trees T1 – T5 should be removed, as they are no longer sustainable due to the deteriorating condition they are in. Trees T6 – T10 have a limited life expectancy and need to be removed to facilitate the proposed culvert and open up the site for a more appropriate garden landscape.
- 2.05 To mitigate the loss of the above trees it is proposed to plant an equivalent number of native woodland trees along the Barack Lane boundary to reinforce the current planting.