



Arboricultural Impact Assessment for Darran Road, Mountain Ash

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1. BRIEF

I have been instructed by Ms. Abbey Kelsey of Linc Cymru to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) in relation to a proposed development at Darran Road, Mountain Ash.

2. TREE SURVEY AND PLAN

The information within this document is based on the Treescene Tree Survey dated 15/05/2023 and the Treescene AIA Plan 04/2024.

It should be noted that most of the existing site is colonised by young, naturally regenerated trees of low arboricultural value.

3. TREES TO BE REMOVED

a. Arboricultural Reasons

Trees T12, T13, T14, T15, T16, G18 and T20 are recommended for removal in the Tree Survey due to poor quality (U category). These are all trees infected with Ash Dieback Disease (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*).

b. To Facilitate Development

Trees G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G17, T19, T21, G22 and G23 are proposed for removal to accommodate the development layout.

These are all C category trees (low quality).

Trees to be removed are indicated on the attached Treescene AIA Plan 04/2024.

4. TREE PRUNING

No tree pruning is proposed at this point in time.

5. ROOT PROTECTION AREA (RPA) INCURSIONS

There are no conflicts between proposed structures and RPAs of trees to be retained.

6. PROTECTION OF RETAINED TREES

All trees to be retained should be protected by fencing in accordance with the details in BS5837:2012. The implementation of the tree protection on site should be in compliance with a site-specific Tree Protection Plan (TPP) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS).

7. IMPACT ON LOCAL AMENITY

Tree loss in relation to the development focuses on the clearance of low quality trees in the interior of the site to create the site access/internal roads as well as to create space to install the various plots.

Extensive new tree planting within the site is proposed thus mitigating any tree loss and contributing to an enhancement of the local tree stock as a result of the proposed development.