

**REPORT ON EXISTING TREES ADJACENT THE DEVELOPMENT AREA
FOR
PROPOSED INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE AT
THE ARCHERY FIELD
OFF KNOWLE LANE
MELTHAM
HUDDERSFIELD**

1.0 Introduction:

This short report is in response to the planning consultation response from Mr. Nick Goddard of the Trees section of Kirklees Council.

As noted in the response the site is encircled by a protected deciduous woodland under TPO no. 20/89. The TPO does not protect trees internal to the site between the archery range and the existing parking area. It is these trees which are proposed to be removed to accommodate the proposed scheme. It is considered that the benefits of the proposed development are deemed greater than the material loss of the trees which are not covered by the TPO.

2.0 Works that could affect existing trees along the drive boundary covered by the TPO:

An accurate survey of the trees along the boundary has been carried out by the Architectural agent and a drawing has been prepared to show positioning, canopy spread and root protection area in accordance with BS5837. It is felt that the request for an Arboricultural report is excessive and unnecessary in this instance and a further expense which the archery club would have to find typically amounting to around £390.00 + VAT totalling £468.00 which for a club with limited income would create another financial burden.

To allay Mr. Goddard's concerns regarding excavations, parking surfacing etc. I would comment as follows: The drawing clearly shows the root protection area falling short of the excavated area for the development. No excavating machinery will be allowed outside the footprint of the proposed area of the building. A Project Manager will be on site every day of the build to ensure the contractor adheres to the constraints of the building footprint.

As far as parking is concerned there are no plans to lay any surfacing for parking as the existing surface will be retained. The existing surface has been trafficked for a number of years now and consists of well compacted hardcore.

As far as access for construction traffic is concerned there will be no effect or damage to existing trees as the build will be in three phases ie; phase 1 – excavation, phase 2 – laying of concrete slab, phase 3 erection of building (components are delivered to site already prepared for erection by hand – no cranes are involved)

3.0 Mitigation for tree loss:

The majority of trees on the boundary and those to be removed are silver birch. The club is open for suggestion to replace those trees lost with the planting of new trees whether silver birch or a different species as recommended by the trees officer.

END OF REPORT



EXISTING VIEW OF TREES FROM
ARCHERY FIELD



EXISTING VIEW OF TREES FROM
DRIVEWAY