

Arboricultural Impact Assessment

at
Moor Lane
Gomersal



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1 Purpose and scope of report

This report has been created in accordance with BS5837:2012 to assess the impacts of proposed development as shown in the tree protection plan at Appendix 1 and also incorporates information taken from our tree survey Ref 220218 TS. This impact assessment should be read in conjunction with the tree survey, and as required by BS5837, it includes consideration of:

- The tree survey
- Trees selected for retention
- Trees selected for removal
- Trees to be pruned
- Areas designated for structural landscaping which need soil protection
- Evaluation of impact of tree losses
- Evaluation of tree constraints and tree protection plan
- Issues to be addressed by an arboricultural method statement

2 General information

It is advisable to have trees regularly surveyed by a suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural consultant. In this instance it is recommended that the next survey is undertaken within 12 months of this report. If the site or adjacent areas change use, or if there are significant changes to the condition of the site or adjacent areas, or if there are significant changes to the trees surveyed, it is recommended that professional arboricultural advice is obtained.

The plans included as part of this report are based on those provided by the client or their representatives. Whilst reasonable steps are taken to ensure plans are accurate and correct, the consultant will not be responsible for errors or omissions arising due to information provided by the client or the client's representatives.

All tree works should be carried out to BS 3998:2010 - '*Recommendations for tree work*' unless otherwise specified, and by a suitably qualified, experienced and insured contractor.

3 Trees selected for removal, retention and/or pruning

Several low value trees will be removed as part of this project – these are shown on the attached draft tree protection plan.

No trees will require pruning as part of this project.



4 Evaluation of impact of tree losses

The trees shown as being removed as part of this project are of low value and/or they are in poor condition. Their removal will have low impact on the local tree-scape.

5 Evaluation of tree constraints and tree protection plan

The draft tree protection plan shows all retained trees as being protected during development in accordance with BS5837:2012.

All excavation works are located outside the root protection areas of retained trees.

A new driveway will be constructed within the root protection area of tree T7, this will be constructed in accordance with BS5837:2012 using a 'no dig' cellular confinement system.

Shading from trees has been considered – shading from trees is unlikely to be considered as a nuisance by future occupants of the site.

6 Issues to be addressed by an arboricultural method statement

Trees will be adequately protected throughout this development with the use of tree protection fencing as shown in the draft tree protection plan. It is unlikely that specialist tree protection measures will be required on this site.



7 Consultant's qualifications and experience

This report has been undertaken by James Royston who has over twenty years experience in arboriculture, forestry, and urban forestry, of which the last 12 years have been spent as a full-time consultant specialising in trees and development, tree related hazards, and sustainable tree management.

In addition, this experience has included work as a tree officer in a local authority planning department, expert witness work for the courts, subsidence investigation works for loss adjusters and insurance companies, and undertaking the role of president of the Consulting Arborist Society.

Academic qualifications include:

MSc Arboriculture and Urban Forestry,
BSc (Hons) Forestry.

Recent professional development courses have included:

Tree Preservation Order Workshop *by the Consulting Arborist Society*,
Trees and Mortgage/Insurance Reporting *by the Association of Mortgage Users Insurance Group*,
Professional Tree Inspection *by LANTRA Awards*,
BS5837:2012 Workshops *by the Arboricultural Association*,
The Future of Tree Risk Management part I and II *by the Treeworks Environmental Practice*,
Trees and Subsidence *by OCA Ltd*,
CTLA Tree Valuation Seminar *by the Consulting Arborist Society*,
Expert Witness Training *by Bond Solon*
THREATS training *by Julian Forbes-Laird*.
Homebuyers Tree Reports *by the Consulting Arborist Society*

Professional associations have included:

Professional member of the Arboricultural Association and the Consulting Arborist Society.
Chartered Environmentalist.
Trustmark Approved Consultant – Working to Government Approved Standards.



8 Contact Details

I hope this report provides all the required information. However, if further advice is needed then please contact me and I will be happy to help.

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Appendix 1: Tree works

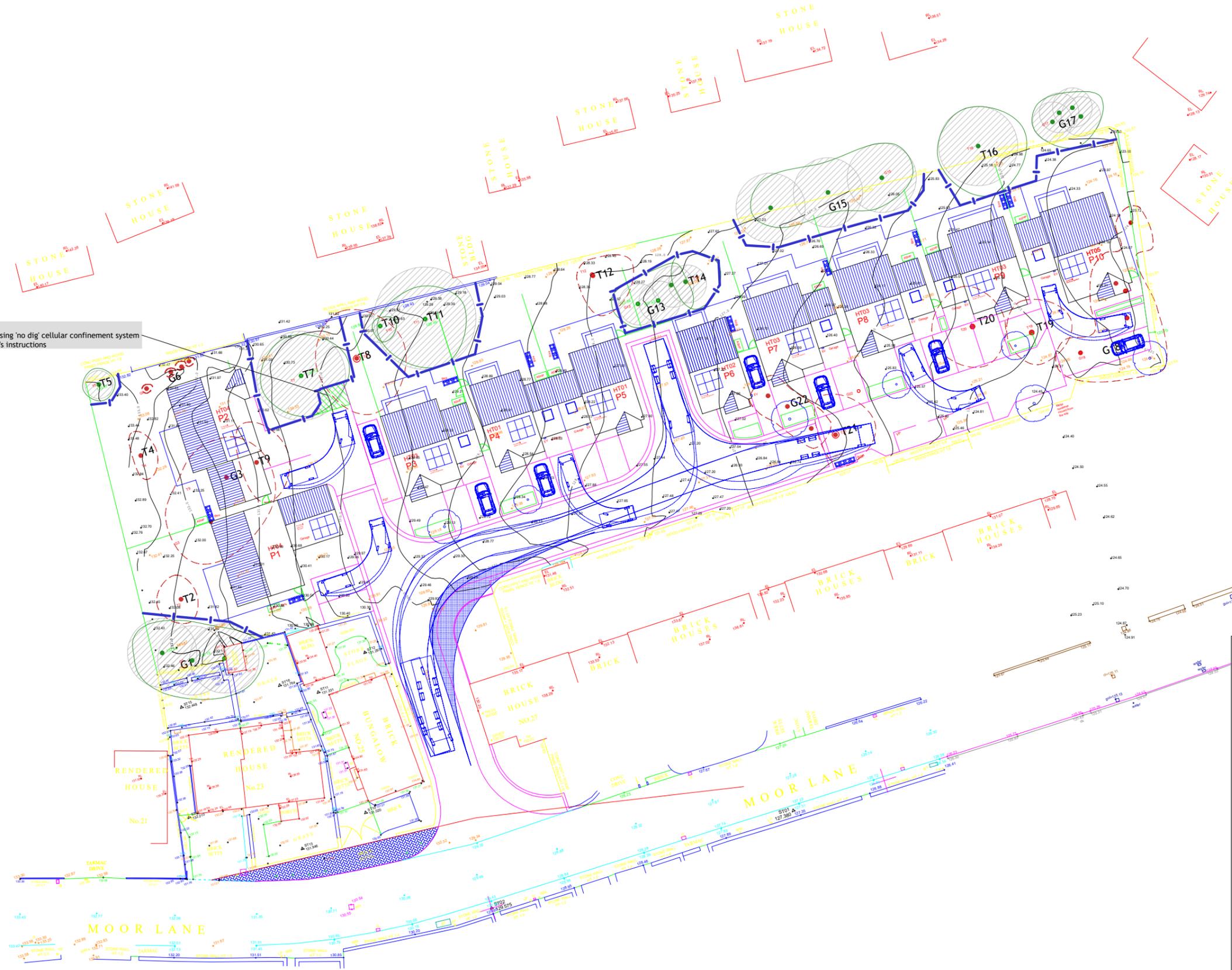


Tree Number	Common Name	Botanical Name	Pre-development tree works	Reason for works
1	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	None	NA
2	Spruce	<i>Picea sp.</i>	Remove	For a better quality development
3	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
4	Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Remove	For a better quality development
5	Lawson cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	None	NA
6	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
7	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	None	NA
8	Elm	<i>Ulmus sp.</i>	Remove	Poor quality trees
9	Larch	<i>Larix sp</i>	Remove	Poor quality trees
10	Sorbus	<i>Sorbus sp.</i>	None	NA
11	Pine	<i>Pinus sp.</i>	None	NA
12	Elm	<i>Ulmus sp.</i>	Remove	Poor quality trees
13	Mixed conifers	<i>Mix</i>	None	NA
14	Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	None	NA
15	Mix	<i>Mix</i>	None	NA
16	Oak	<i>Quercus sp.</i>	None	NA
17	Cherry	<i>Prunus sp.</i>	None	NA
18	Mix	<i>Mix</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
19	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
20	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
21	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development
22	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Remove	To facilitate development

Appendix 2: Draft tree protection plan



In green shaded areas:
New surfaces to be constructed using 'no dig' cellular confinement system
in accordance with manufacturer's instructions



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Tree Protection Plan to BS5837:2012 at:
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Key	
	Tree to be retained
	Tree to be removed
	Root Protection Area (RPA) shown as a circle as an approximate guide
	Location of tree protective fencing
	Area of special tree protection measures. See annotations and method statement for further details.

Note: Plans are for guidance only. These drawings should not be used for scaling.

