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Dear Sirs,

Sycamore T5 -11 Wood Street Skelmanthorpe

As instructed, in response to the Arboricultural Officer email of 2 April 2026 I have reviewed the "Methodology for Boundary Wall Works" and the recommendations made by OEC Ltd Structural Engineers, and would comment as follows.

Point 1 of the Arboricultural Officer's email "why these additional impacts were not discussed within the submitted AMS" I would comment that dating back to the serving of the TPO in March 2022 the LPA will be aware an objection to the Order was submitted by Tree Care Consultancy on behalf of the previous site owner. The basis of the objection being that the Sycamore T5's relationship to the defective wall and the requirement to rebuild the wall was an unsustainable relationship. This argument was again reiterated as part of the formal planning application reference 2023/44/91649/E. At this stage the Case Officer report acknowledged the process of demolishing and rebuilding the wall would directly threaten amongst others T5.

To assist LPA Officers with understanding of the current position Linfit Developments Ltd, Simon Lappage has put together a comprehensive report on the background and the required approach to the demolition and rebuilding of the wall. This will be discussed in the Linfit Developments Ltd submission. Notwithstanding in the event the LPA insists on retaining T5 then the AMS put forward contains the only practicable measures available to mitigate the likely adverse tree impacts associated with necessary work.

Points 2 - 4 of the Arboricultural Officer's email. A comprehensive report that addresses the points raised are discussed in the Linfit Developments Ltd submission.

I note your pragmatism in favour of removal and replacing Sycamore T5, with specific regards to your employee's welfare, highway and general public safety, however given the LPA's stance on earlier requests to permit the trees removal the only remaining option I can put forward subject to agreement with the LPA is that works be allowed to progress under arboricultural supervision and in conjunction with the LPA Arboriculturist. It goes without saying should the necessary excavation work lead to catastrophic tree injuries that in so doing prejudice tree/public safety and general Health & Safety Guidelines and Procedure, then the matter must be reviewed. This may of course lead to agreement to fell or perhaps manage the specimen in a much

reduced form. This may require control measures over and above the crown reduction operations recommended in the AMS

With regards to the Arboricultural Officer's request that you must re-align the tree protection fence to safeguard the entire RPA of T5, for the reasons identified in Linfit Developments Ltd submission, the practicalities require a safe working area between the current line of Tree Protection Fencing in order to facilitate a tracked excavator sufficient to safely implement the approved demolition and rebuild. As such, if T5 is to be retained I recommend the LPA accept the current recommendations detailed in the AMS inclusive of the aforementioned monitoring whilst works are in progress and that matters are kept under review.

I trust this letter provides the necessary information. However, should you have any queries or require clarification on any points, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Steve Waterson
Arboriculturist