

# Arboricultural Impact Assessment for The Former Cowbridge Comprehensive School Aberthin Road, Cowbridge

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# 1. <u>BRIEF</u>

I have been instructed by Mr Steffan Harries of LRM Planning to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) in relation to a proposed development on land at the former Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge.

## 2. TREE SURVEY AND PLAN

The information within this document is based on the Treescene Tree Survey 15.10.18 and the attached Treescene AIA Plan 11/2018.

### 3. TREES TO BE REMOVED

- a) <u>Arboricultural Reasons</u> Trees T1, T2, T11, T12, T14 and T17 are recommended for removal in the Tree Survey due to poor quality (U category).
- b) To Facilitate Development

The following trees are proposed for removal to accommodate the proposed development; T5, T7, T8, T13, T15 and T16.

These are all C category (low quality) except T15 which is B category (moderate quality)

All trees to be removed are indicated on the attached Treescene AIA plan 11/2018.

#### 4. TREE PRUNING

No pruning is required at this time to the trees to be retained.

### 5. ROOT PROTECTION AREA (RPA) INCURSIONS

The proposed car parking area to the rear of the development conflicts slightly with the RPAs of retained trees T3 and T4; the incursion of the car park into the RPA is more significant but less than the tolerable threshold of 20% as detailed in BS5837:2012. In order to avoid any adverse impacts on the health and stability of the good quality retained trees on the north-west boundary the car park zones within the RPAs will be installed utilising special "no-dig" construction techniques as set out in BS5837:2012. The specific construction methodology should be detailed in an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS).

### 6. <u>PROTECTION OF RETAINED TREES</u>

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).

A draft TPP is attached.

