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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(INC. TREE SURVEY TO BS 5837:2012)



PROJECT - Land off Blacksmiths Lane

CLIENT - Turney Trust

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PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This document assesses the anticipated impact that the proposed scheme will have on the surrounding tree population, and outlines possible technical design considerations and mitigation measures that should be implemented in order to minimise the overall arboricultural impact.

ARBORICULTURAL DOCUMENT REGISTER

Planning Documents		Version Issued	
Document	Ref.	Current Version	Document Date
Arb. Impact Assessment	P5596-AIA01	V1	06/11/2025
Arb. Site Plan (Existing)	P5596-ASP01	V1	06/11/2025
Arb. Site Plan (Proposed)	P5596-ASP02	V1	06/11/2025

1. SUMMARY

1.1 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1.1 Installation of new site entrances, roadways, and associated footpaths.
Erection of 21 new dwellings, and establishment of balancing pond.

1.2 TREE SURVEY

- 1.2.1 The following woody vegetation was considered to be of note in relation to any development of the site: 13 individual trees, and 5 groups of trees.

1.3 MITIGATION AND PROTECTION MEASURES

- 1.3.1 The required arboricultural mitigation measures can be found in *Section 3* of this report.

1.4 CONCLUSION

- 1.4.1 The table below summarises the trees which will be lost, pruned, or protected by special measures during the development project.

	Tree Category				
	A	B	C	U	Total
Trees to be removed	-	-	-	-	-
Groups to be removed	-	-	2	-	2
Other Vegetation to be removed	-	-	-	-	-
Groups / Hedges to have sections removed	-	-	1	-	1
Trees to be pruned	2	2	-	-	4
Site clearance	-	-	-	-	-
Routing and installation of utility apparatus	-	-	-	-	-
Instances of trees being affected by the installation of buildings/structures	1	-	-	-	1
Instances of trees being affected by the installation of surfacing	1	5	-	-	6
Number of new tree plantings (minimum)	-	-	-	-	1

- 1.4.2 Considering the anticipated arboricultural impact from the construction activities associated with the development of the site, and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures outlined in this document, the proposed development's arboricultural impact is considered to be **low**.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 BRIEF

- 2.1.1 Ligna Consultancy Ltd were instructed by the client, Turney Trust, to undertake a tree survey in accordance with BS 5837:2012 and to prepare an arboricultural impact assessment for the proposed scheme at Land off Blacksmiths Lane.

2.2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 2.2.1 Installation of new site entrances, roadways, and associated footpaths. Erection of 21 new dwellings, and establishment of balancing pond.

2.3 SITE

- 2.3.1 The site discussed within this report is located at:

Land off Blacksmiths Lane, Reed, Royston, SG8 8AY

2.4 SCOPE OF REPORT

- 2.4.1 This report consists of the following:

- Appraisal of arboricultural impact
- Outline of tree protection & mitigation measures

- 2.4.2 Appendices included with this report are:

No.	Appended Document
1	Tree Survey
2	Site Photos
3	Arboricultural Site Plan (Existing) (P5596-ASP01 V1)
4	Arboricultural Site Plan (Proposed) (P5596-ASP02 V1)

2.5 DOCUMENTS PROVIDED

- 2.5.1 The following documents were submitted to Ligna Consultancy Ltd for consideration:

No.	Supplied Document
1	Topographical Survey
2	Proposed Site Plan (Planning (Site))

2.6 PROJECT CONTACT

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2.7 AUTHOR

2.7.1 Jennifer Sinclair is a Technician member of the Arboricultural Association with PTI certification. She has worked in arboriculture for over a decade, including supervisory roles undertaking both domestic and commercial arboricultural work. She possesses a level 3 extended diploma in arboriculture and has undertaken additional study and training at level 6. A full CV and list of experience and CPD is available on request.

2.8 LIMITATIONS

- 2.8.1 Detailed inspections and recommendations relating to tree condition and health are not included within this report.
- 2.8.2 Any engineering solutions presented within this document are recommendations for their suitability from an arboricultural viewpoint. The architect and structural engineers should make the final decision on the suitability of the methods advised.
- 2.8.3 Information provided by third parties, considered in the creation of this report, is assumed to be correct.

2.9 PROTECTED TREES

- 2.9.1 Details of trees (if any) that are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) or are situated within Conservation Area are available upon request.
- 2.9.2 It is the standard approach of Ligna Consultancy not to obtain this information from the LPA prior to an application, as the LPA will provide details of nearby protected trees as part of the consultation.
- 2.9.3 It should also be noted that granted planning permission that includes tree work specifications overrides Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Area protections (approved works only).

2.10 NESTING BIRDS / BATS

- 2.10.1 Officially, the 'Bird Nesting Season' is between February and August (Natural England). During this time, it is recommended that vegetation works (tree or hedge cutting) or site clearance is avoided if there is a reasonable potential for the disruption of nesting birds.
- 2.10.2 All parties involved in the management and/or development of a site must actively avoid causing disturbance and disruption to nesting birds. Failure to do this may result in an infringement of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981* and the *European Habitats Directive 1992 / Nesting Birds Directive*.

- 2.10.3 When tree or vegetation clearance work has to be undertaken during the nesting season, a pre works survey needs to be carried out by a suitably competent person.
- 2.10.4 All bats and their roosts are protected by domestic and international legislation. They are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017 – as amended). This means you may be committing a criminal offence if you: Deliberately take, injure or kill a wild bat; Intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat in its roost or deliberately disturb a group of bats; Damage or destroy a place used by bats for breeding or resting (roosts) (even if bats are not occupying the roost at the time); Intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a bat roost.
- 2.10.5 Prior to carrying out any tree works it is recommended that a survey of the tree/trees is carried out to confirm whether there are any nesting birds or bat roosts. This should be carried out by a suitably trained person.

2.11 SUMMARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Species	The type of tree.
Stem	The main woody upright portion of a tree that is supported by the roots and supports the crown.
Branch Spread	The length of a tree's branches from stem to tip measured from the north, east, south and western sides of the crown.
BS 5837	The commonly used name for the official guidance document relating to trees and development (<i>BS 5837:2012 - Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations</i>)
Canopy / Crown	The branches, leaves, and reproductive structures extending from the trunk or main stems of a tree/trees.
DBH	Diameter of a tree's stem, measured as per BS 5837:2012
RPA	The root protection area (RPA) is a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.
Facilitation Tree Works	Tree pruning/felling required in order to facilitate the implementation of the proposed development.
Tolerance	The relative tolerance the species can show to construction related activities such as root-loss, soil compaction and other development pressures.
Category (Cat.)	Categorisation of the tree's value based on the methodology shown in Appendix 1, A1.4. This rating takes into account the size, quality, condition, estimated remaining life expectancy and legal status of each tree.

2.12 COPYRIGHT

- 2.12.1 This report was prepared for use by the Clients and their contractors for planning purposes. The report and its appendices may not be copied, modified, or distributed beyond the necessary parties without the written consent of Ligna Consultancy Ltd.

3 ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT & APPRAISAL OF IMPACTS

The following section lists and discusses any aspects of the proposed design and its implementation that has the potential to harm nearby trees, and outlines possible mitigation measures:

If approved, the mitigation measures outlined below should be detailed within a Tree Protection Scheme (Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan) prior to the commencement of any development associated works:

3.1 TREES TO BE REMOVED

Affected Trees Cat. C: - G2 (*Prunus* spp.), G5 (*Prunus* spp.)

Impact Appraisal & Mitigation	2 groups (G2, G5) of category 'C' value are to be removed. Owing to their relative small size and low value, no arboricultural mitigation is required. <i>*It should be noted that whilst mitigation tree plantings are not required, multiple new trees are included within the landscaping of the site.</i>
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Significance (with mitigation)	Low
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3.2 GROUPS TO HAVE SECTIONS REMOVED

Affected Trees Cat. C: - G1 (Mixed group)

Impact Appraisal & Mitigation	1 group is to have sections removed as part of the proposed scheme. 1 group (G1) of category 'C' value is to have a total area of 407 m² removed. Owing to its relative low value, no arboricultural mitigation is required.
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The following works are required:

- G1 (C1) - Remove 5 sections totalling 407m². Reduce northern crown by ~2m. (See ASP02 for exact locations)

Significance (with mitigation)	Negligible
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3.3 TREES TO BE PRUNED

Affected Trees	Cat. A: - G3.5 (Mixed group), G3.6 (Mixed group) Cat. B: - T2 (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>), T6 (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)
Pruning works	The following trees are to be pruned as part of the proposed scheme. The pruning specification for each tree is shown in the table below: - T2 (B1) - Crown lift tertiary branches and tips to provide ~4m clearance with the ground. - T6 (B3) - Crown lift tips to provide 3m clearance with the ground (over proposed footpath) - G3.5 (A3) - Crown lift tips to provide 3m clearance with the ground (over proposed footpath) - G3.6 (A3) - Crown lift tips to provide 3m clearance with the ground (over proposed footpath)
Significance (with mitigation)	Negligible

3.4 ROUTING AND INSTALLATION OF UTILITY APPARATUS

Affected Trees	All retained trees
Impact Appraisal & Mitigation	No information has currently been provided for the installation of utility services, therefore, wherever possible, utility apparatus should be routed outside of any RPAs. Failing this, services should be routed together in common ducts, with any inspection chambers being located outside of the RPA. Where it is necessary for underground services to intersect an RPA, specialist excavation methods should be used, these can include air spade/ lance or vacuum excavation. In such situations, the design team should consult with Ligna Consultancy Ltd in order to establish a suitable services route and specify the specialist excavation method most suitable.
Significance (with mitigation)	Negligible

3.5 INSTALLATION OF FOUNDATIONS (RESULTING IN ROOT LOSS)

Affected Trees	Cat. A: - G3.7 (Mixed group)
Impact Appraisal & Mitigation	The installation of the proposed building foundations will result in an allowable RPA incursion of 1.5% to G3.7. Owing to the relative tolerance of the tree to root disturbance and loss, and considering the size of the proposed incursion, any lasting impact on the overall health and condition of the tree is believed to be well within tolerable limits.

Mitigation

- During the excavation of the foundations, should any roots with a diameter in excess of 20mm be uncovered, they will require cutting with pruning loppers. This task must be done under the supervision of the project's Arboricultural Clerk of Works.
- Furthermore, the casting of the foundations has the potential to result in the poisoning of nearby tree roots (uncured cement is toxic to plants).
- To prevent the poisoning of surrounding tree roots, an impermeable membrane must first be laid within any excavations within the RPA of a retained tree prior to the pouring of concrete.

*Significance
(with mitigation)*

Low

3.6 INSTALLATION OF NEW SURFACING

Affected Trees Cat. A: - G3.5 (Mixed group)

Cat. B: - T2 (Fraxinus excelsior), T3 (Fraxinus excelsior), T4 (Fraxinus excelsior), T5 (Fraxinus excelsior), T6 (Fraxinus excelsior)

*Impact
Appraisal &
Mitigation*

New driveway surfacing is to be installed within the RPAs of T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, and G3.5.

The installation of new surfacing is to be a combination of both a traditional subbase and a specialist no dig 3D cellular surfacing to avoid impacting tree roots where a larger RPA incursion is a possibility.

The installation of new surfacing will result in an allowable RPA incursion of 0.7% for T3, 1.8% for T4, and 0.5% for T5.

Owing to the relative tolerance of the affected tree to root disturbance and loss, and considering the size of the proposed incursions, any lasting impact on the overall health and condition of the trees are considered to be within tolerable limits.

Mitigation

- During the excavation for the subbase, should any roots with a diameter in excess of 20mm be uncovered, they will require cutting with pruning loppers.

- This task must be done under the supervision of the project's Arboricultural Clerk of Works.

Where larger RPA incursions are proposed, a specialist no dig 3D cellular surfacing is to be used. This type of specialist system allows for the retention of underlying tree roots while protecting against possible soil compaction damage and allowing the continuation of water and

gas exchange between soil and air. This surfacing will be installed within the RPAs of T2, T6 and G3.5

Owing to the nature of no-dig surfacing the FSL of the system is likely to be higher than surfacing based upon a traditional subbase. This will need to be considered in detail by the design team, and it is recommended that the system manufacturer is consulted to ascertain recommended system thickness at an early stage to ensure that the proposed FFLs are viable (typical thickness specification based on use: $\geq 75\text{mm}$ for pedestrians/bicycles, $\geq 100\text{mm}$ for cars, $\geq 150\text{mm}$ for vans/HGVs) .

Mitigation

- Specialist no-dig surfacing (such as Cellweb TRP) is to be installed as per the locations shown on the Arb. Site Plan (Proposed).
- The thickness and fill material must be as per the manufacturer's recommendations.
- The surface finish must comprise of permeable materials to allow continued gas and moisture exchange.

Significance
(with mitigation)

Negligible

3.7 INSTALLATION OF FENCING

Affected Trees All retained trees

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As part of the proposed scheme, stretches of fencing are to be installed within multiple RPAs that whilst unlikely to cause any long-term damage to the trees and their rooting areas, could cause some minor levels of disturbance if installed incorrectly. Therefore, to avoid causing damage to the trees and their rooting areas, the fencing must be installed in an Arb. sensitive manner using the following mitigation. (**Only applicable within a retained trees RPA, not required for the whole site*)

- Consideration should be taken when working in close proximity to a tree's crown. Where necessary, minor pruning works may be required to ensure damage isn't caused to the branches. (**This should be kept to the bare minimum and only where deemed truly necessary.*)
 - Working in close proximity to a retained tree's stems should be avoided where possible, however; if this is not feasible, additional consideration should be taken when situating the structural posts to avoid the stem and any basal flare.
 - The excavation for the structural posts must be undertaken manually using hand tools.
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- During the excavation works, should any roots with a diameter in excess of 25mm be unearthed, the structural posts must be relocated to ensure the retention of this root. Any roots with a diameter smaller than 25mm may be pruned out of the way using clean, sharp, purpose made loppers.

- Should the use of a concrete/postcrete/cement be required, prior to this being poured, a non-permeable membrane must be installed first.

Significance
(with mitigation)

Negligible

3.8 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED SCHEME

Affected Trees All retained trees

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Mitigation**

During the construction process, all retained trees are susceptible to damage from general construction related activities.

In order to reduce the risk of construction damage to the site's retained trees, tree protection barriers and temporary ground protection must be installed before the commencement of any site works.

Significance
(with mitigation)

Negligible

TREE RELATED SHADING AND NUISANCES

3.9 LONG-TERM IMPACT OF RETAINED TREES ON PROPOSED SCHEME

3.9.1 Shading

3.9.1.1 None of the trees observed are considered to possess a significant potential for a negative shading impact on any of the proposed dwellings; any tree-related shading of property is expected to be minimal, transient and well within the recommended levels outlined in BRE 209 guidance.

Note - Shading arcs, as discussed in BS 5837, have not been included on the Arb. Site Plans owing to their poor accuracy, and the extreme unlikelihood that the shading will not be within tolerable levels. Ligna Consultancy Ltd have undertaken many detailed shading assessments, and in all situations, light levels have been shown to be well within acceptable levels (BRE 209). Situations where lighting levels may not be suitable are most likely to involve rows of large dense conifers near to dwellings.

3.9.2 Canopy Growth

3.9.2.1 The layout of the scheme has been designed with consideration of the location and growth potential of nearby trees. Owing to such, no noteworthy contention between tree canopies and property are anticipated.

3.9.3 Nuisances

3.9.3.1 Owing to the tree species present within and around the site, and the layout of the proposed scheme, additional unreasonable tree-related nuisances, such as leaf and fruit-fall, are not thought to exist beyond what might generally be considered as acceptable limits.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW TREE PLANTING

3.10 PROVISION OF NEW TREE PLANTINGS

3.10.1 Mitigation tree plantings are not considered to be necessary as part of the proposed scheme.

3.10.2 *It should be noted that whilst mitigation tree plantings are not required, multiple new trees are included within the landscaping of the site.

CONCLUSION

3.11 SUMMARY OF THE DEVELOPMENT'S OVERALL IMPACT

3.11.1 The table below summarises the trees which will be lost, pruned, or protected by special measures during the development project.

	Tree Category				
	A	B	C	U	Total
Trees to be removed	-	-	-	-	-
Groups to be removed	-	-	2	-	2
Other Vegetation to be removed	-	-	-	-	-
Groups / Hedges to have sections removed	-	-	1	-	1
Trees to be pruned	2	2	-	-	4
Site clearance	-	-	-	-	-
Routing and installation of utility apparatus	-	-	-	-	-
Instances of trees being affected by the installation of buildings/structures	1	-	-	-	1

Instances of trees being affected by the installation of surfacing	1	5	-	-	6
Number of new tree plantings (minimum)	-	-	-	-	1

3.11.2 Considering the anticipated arboricultural impact from the construction activities associated with the development of the site, and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures outlined in this document, the proposed development's arboricultural impact is considered to be **low**.

4 APPENDICES

4.1 APPENDICES

4.1.1 The following appendices are included within this document:

No.	Appended Document
1	Tree Survey
2	Site Photos
3	Arboricultural Site Plan (Existing) (P5596-ASP01 V1)
4	Arboricultural Site Plan (Proposed) (P5596-ASP02 V1)

APPENDIX 1 TREE SURVEY

APPENDIX 1 – TREE SURVEY

A1.1 SITE VISIT

- i) A site visit was undertaken by Jennifer Sinclair of Ligna Consultancy, on the 23/09/2025

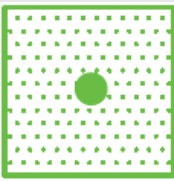
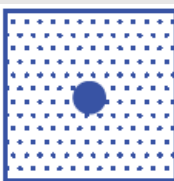
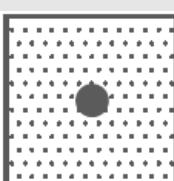
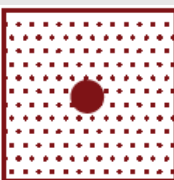
A1.2 METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

- i) Data was collected using the recommendations laid out in British Standard 5837:2012 as a guide. All observations were from ground level without detailed or invasive investigations.
- ii) Measurements have been calculated using a laser measurer and diameter tape/calipers. Where this was not possible or reasonably practical, measurements have estimated by eye.
- iii) The trees were surveyed and assessed impartially and irrespective of the proposed development. Management recommendations should be implemented regardless of any proposed development for reasons of sound arboricultural management or safety.
- iv) The method used for categorising the trees can be seen in section A1.3. This is an improved variation of the method suggested in BS 5837:2012.
- v) BS 5837:2012 recommends that better quality (category A and B trees) are retained where possible. Planning permission overrides a Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area. Furthermore, trees are a material consideration in the UK planning system irrespective of their legal status. Trees in land adjacent to the site are considered where they may be impacted by development; for example, when roots or branches encroach onto the site.
- vi) Trees may be recorded as group or woodland where:
 - The canopies touch.
 - The trees have more group value than individual merit.
 - They are part of a formal landscape feature like an avenue.
 - It is impractical to record them individually.
- vii) Trees within groups or woodlands etc. are recorded individually where it is necessary to distinguish them from others.

A1.3 SURVEY KEY & GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Ref.	Tree reference number
Tag	Physical tag attached to some trees with unique identification number (not the same as Ref.)
Species	The trees' scientific and common name
Height	The measured/estimated height of the tree (measured in metres)
Branch Spread	The length of a tree's branches from stem to tip measured from the north, east, south and western sides of the crown.
Crown Clearance	Crown clearance is the measurement of height between the trees branches in the outer third of its crown and the floor. Crown clearance has only been recorded where it is considered to be of relevance to the proposed scheme. The height of the first significant branch is also generally recorded and is discussed where relevant.
DBH	Diameter of a trees' stem, measured as per BS 5837:2012
RPA	The root protection area (RPA) is a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.
Life Stage	A quantification of a trees' state of physical maturity: • Young • Semi-mature • Early-Mature • Mature • Late-mature • Veteran • Dead
Structural	Summary statement relating to the structural condition of a tree: • Good (no apparent problems / normal optimal condition for a tree of its species.) • Fair (minor problems, no instabilities) • Poor (major problems, potential instabilities) • Unstable (extreme problems, likely to result in failure)
Vitality	Summary statement relating to the overall observed vitality of a tree: • Good (no apparent problems / normal optimal vitality for a tree of its species) • Fair (minor / temporary reduction in tree vitality) • Poor (major reduction in tree vitality, often with some branch dieback) • Dead / Dying (extreme / total reduction in tree vitality)
General Management Recommendations	Remedial tree works recommended regardless of whether the site is developed or not.
Facilitation Tree Works	Tree pruning/felling required in order to facilitate the implementation of the proposed development.
Development Related Tree Works	Tree works that are required as part of the proposed scheme.
Tolerance	The relative tolerance the species can show to construction related activities such as root-loss, soil compaction and other development pressures.
Cat.	Categorisation of the tree's value based on the methodology shown in A1.4. This rating takes into account the size, quality, condition, estimated remaining life expectancy and legal status of each tree.

A1.4 TREE CATEGORISATION METHODOLOGY

Category and definition	Criteria / Subcategories			Label on plan
	1 – Mainly arboricultural qualities	2 – Mainly landscape qualities	3 – Mainly cultural values/conservation	
Trees worthy of being a material constraint:				
Category A Trees of high quality, capable of providing a significant contribution to local amenity (usually large in size) and that generally possess an estimated remaining life expectancy of 40+ years.	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture)	
Category B Trees of moderate quality and with an estimated remaining life expectancy of 20+ years, that are capable of providing a notable contribution to local amenity but are lacking the condition of category A trees (usually medium to large in size).	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage); or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value	
Trees worthy of material consideration:				
Category C Trees of a low quality, small size, or incapability to be protected within the legal framework. These trees generally possess an estimated remaining life expectancy of 10+ years.	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value	
Trees unsuitable for retention owing to condition:				
Category U Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.	- Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning) - Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline - Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby, or very low-quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality			

A1.5 SUMMARY OF DATA

- i) The following woody vegetation was considered to be of note in relation to any development of the site: 13 individual trees, and 5 groups of trees.
- ii) The following tables show the category distribution and life stage of the trees distributed within the site:

	Tree Category				
	A	B	C	U	Total
Individual Trees	3	7	3	-	13
Groups	15	-	4	-	19
Woodland Groups	-	-	-	-	-
Hedges	-	-	-	-	-
Shrubs	-	-	-	-	-

Table 1 - Table showing category distribution within site.

	Life Stage						
	Young	Semi-Mature	Early-Mature	Mature	Late-Mature	Veteran	Dead
Individual Trees	-	3	-	9	1	-	-
Groups	-	2	1	16	-	-	-
Woodland Groups	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hedges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shrubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2 - Table showing life stage distribution within the site.

Ref.	Tag	Species	Height (m)	Crown (N/E/S/W)	Crown Clearance (m)	DBH (mm)	Life Stage	Structural	Vitality	Additional Notes	General Management Recommendations	Priority	DRAFT Development Related Tree Works	Tolerance	RPA Radius (m)	RPA Area (m ²)	Cat.
T1		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	12	7.5 / 7.5 / 7.5 / 7.5	1.8		Mature	Good	Good	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage.				Moderate			B1
T2		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	15	9 / 9 / 9 / 9	2		Mature	Good	Good	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage.			Crown lift tertiary branches and tips to provide ~4m clearance with the ground.	Moderate			B1
T3		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	12	7.5 / 7.5 / 7.5 / 7.5	1.5		Mature	Good	Fair	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage. Tree potentially in early stages of decline due to dead canopy present. Unable to visually assess tree thoroughly due to dense ivy and surrounding growth.				Moderate			B3
T4		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	15	6.5 / 6.5 / 6.5 / 6.5			Mature	Good	Good	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage.				Moderate			B3
T5		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	15	6.5 / 6.5 / 6.5 / 6.5			Mature	Good	Good	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage.				Moderate			B3

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T6		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	13	7 / 7 / 7 / 7			Mature	Good	Good	Unable to undertake detailed survey of tree due to dense ivy and surrounding growth obscuring tree from base to ~4m, therefore, dripline RPA and estimated dimensions used. Minor deadwood throughout crown with minor levels of tip dieback, both posing minimal threat of damage.				Moderate			B3
T7		Quercus robur (English oak)	19	11 / 11 / 11 / 11	1.2	1032	Late-Mature	Good	Good	Minor amount of minor to major size (10->50mm diameter) deadwood throughout the crown, negligible risk posed.				Moderate - Good	12.4	481.6	A1
T8		Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)	8	2 / 2 / 2 / 2		136	Semi-Mature	Good	Good					Moderate - Good	1.6	8.4	C1
T9		Quercus robur (English oak)	18.5	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5	1.8	660	Mature	Good	Good					Moderate - Good	7.9	197.1	A1
T10		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	18.5	6 / 6 / 6 / 6	5	790	Mature	Good	Good	Minor amount of minor to moderate size (<50mm diameter) deadwood throughout the crown, negligible risk posed.				Moderate	9.5	282.3	A3
T11		Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	11	4.5 / 4.5 / 4.5 / 4.5		250	Semi-Mature	Good	Good	Estimated stem diameter used due to dense surrounding growth obscuring survey. Tree on adjacent site.				Moderate	3.0	28.3	B3
T12		Corylus avellana (Hazel)	5.5	4 / 4 / 4 / 4			Semi-Mature	Good	Good	Dripline RPA used due to multiple stems. Tree on adjacent site.				Good			C1
T13		Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)	10	4 / 4 / 4 / 4		340	Mature	Good	Good	Tree on adjacent site.				Moderate - Good	4.1	52.4	C1
G1		Mixed group	7	3 / 3 / 3 / 3			Semi-Mature	Good	Fair	Group of scrubby trees along site boundary adjacent to public highway. Multiple small dead elms within group posing a minor risk. Species include elm, lime, hawthorn, field maple and plum. Trees are of low individual value, but as a whole they possess a moderate level of screening and ecological value.			Remove 4 sections totalling 364m2. Reduce northern crown by ~2m. (See ASP02 for exact locations)	-			C1
G2		Prunus spp. (Plum)	4.5	1.5 / 1.5 / 1.5 / 1.5			Early-Mature	Good	Good	Scrubby group of small trees and saplings along site boundary providing significant screening from adjacent properties.			Remove	Moderate - Good			C1
G3.1		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5	1.8	870	Mature	Good	Good	Line of oak and ash trees within adjacent site with overhanging branches. Low level hawthorns and other saplings dotted around bases of trees. Minor deadwood (<40mm diameter) through the canopies, currently negligible risk posed. Individually and as a group the trees are of significance to the site and surrounding area.				-	10.4	342.4	A3
G3.2		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		400	Mature	Good	Good					-	4.8	72.4	A3
G3.3		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		630	Mature	Good	Good					-	7.6	179.6	A3
G3.4		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		465	Mature	Good	Good					-	5.6	97.8	A3

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G3.5		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		720	Mature	Good	Good				Crown lift tips to prove 3m clearance with the ground (over proposed footpath)	-	8.6	234.5	A3
G3.6		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		720	Mature	Good	Good				Crown lift tips to prove 3m clearance with the ground (over proposed footpath)	-	8.6	234.5	A3
G3.7		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		1124	Mature	Good	Good					-	13.5	571.9	A3
G3.8		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		260	Mature	Good	Good					-	3.1	30.6	A3
G3.9		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		389	Mature	Good	Good					-	4.7	68.5	A3
G3.10		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		502	Mature	Good	Good					-	6.0	114.2	A3
G3.11		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		538	Mature	Good	Good					-	6.5	131.1	A3
G3.12		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5			Mature	Good	Good	Dripline RPA used as unable to access stems.				-			A3
G3.13		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		464	Mature	Poor	Fair	Large (<200mm) dead secondary stem posing no threat to site.				-	5.6	97.4	A3
G3.14		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		629	Mature	Good	Good					-	7.6	179.2	A3
G3.15		Mixed group	15	8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5 / 8.5		842	Mature	Good	Good					-	10.1	320.9	A3
G4		Mixed group	6	3 / 3 / 3 / 3		130	Mature	Good	Good	Line of hawthorn and hazel with occasional plum located on adjacent site with overhanging branches.				-	1.6	7.6	C1
G5		Prunus spp. (Plum)	4.5	/ / /			Semi-Mature	Good	Good	Cluster of plum trees along site frontage.			Remove	Moderate - Good			C1

APPENDIX 2

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

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Note - Below is a selection of site photographs intended for general site context. Should you require supplementary site/tree photographs please contact info@lignaconsultancy.co.uk:



Figure 1 – Looking eastwards at the site.

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Figure 2 – Looking eastwards at the site with G3 to the left of the photo.



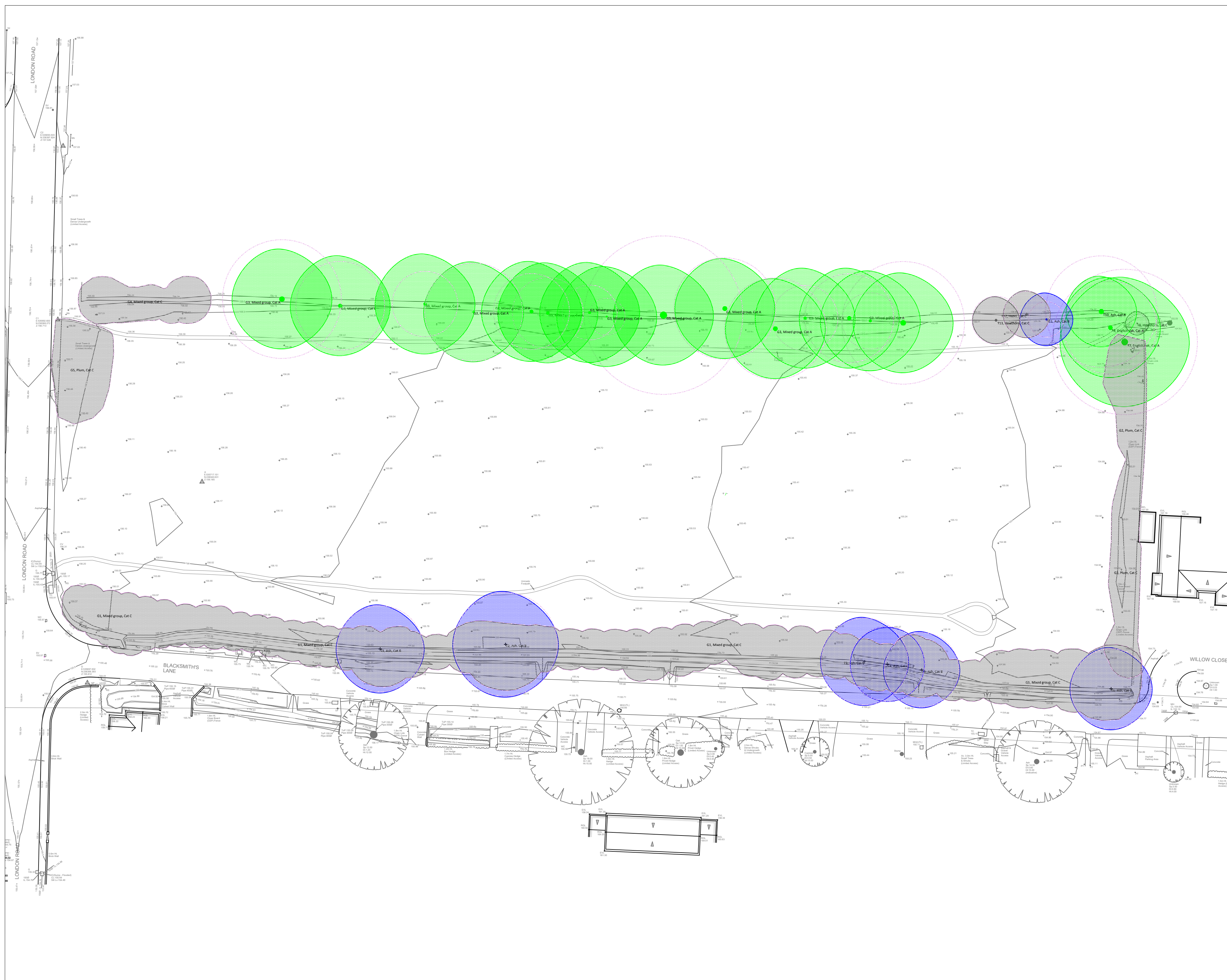
Figure 3 – Looking northwards at G3.



Figure 4 – Looking north eastwards at G3.

APPENDIX 3

ARB. SITE PLAN (EXISTING)



Use of This Document

This document should be viewed in conjunction with the relevant arboricultural impact assessment and/or tree survey schedule.

Tree Categorisation & Numbering

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BS 5837:2012 recommends that better quality trees (Cat. A & B) are retained where possible. Trees in land adjacent to the site are considered where they may be impacted by development.

The trees considered significant within the context of the development are numbered and assigned a prefix of 'T' or 'G' to describe whether they are an individual or a group, and 'S' or 'H' for a shrub or hedge. Using this identification number, further information for each tree/group can be found within the survey schedule.

 Category A: High or exceptional arboricultural, landscape or ecological value. (Worthy of being a material constraint.)	 Category B: Moderate arboricultural, landscape or ecological value. (Worthy of being a material constraint.)
 Category C: Low quality or small in size. (Not worthy of being a material constraint.)	 Category U: Such poor quality or condition that renders it unsuitable for retention. (Not worthy of being a material constraint.)

Root Protection Areas

In order to avoid damage to the roots or rooting environment of retained trees, the Root Protection Areas (RPA's) should be plotted around each of the category A, B and C trees. This is a notional depiction of the minimum rooting area in m² which should be left undisturbed around each tree. The RPA is calculated using the *British Standard BS 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'*, unless otherwise stated within the survey schedule.

Where there appears to be restrictions to root growth the root protection area is reshaped to more accurately reflect the likely distribution of the roots.

 Root Protection Area (RPA): The notional area around each tree which should be left undisturbed during the development of the site.	 RPA Incursion: Anticipated incursion into the root protection area of a proposed tree which may result in root loss/damage.
 Arboriculturally Sensitive Demolition/Removal: A structure or surfacing is to be removed using special methods to avoid damage to trees.	 Specialist Foundations: Low impact foundations to be used to preserve underlying tree roots.

Further Object Key

 Tree Removal: Trees designated for removal will comprise of a red dotted canopy fill.	 Buildings/Surfacing to be Removed: Buildings or surfacing to be removed will generally be depicted with a dashed red line.
 Site Boundary: Extent of site boundary (illustrative only).	 Proposed Services Route: Proposed routing for new services.



Project: Land off Blacksmiths Lane		
Client: Turney Trust		
Drawing: Arboricultural Site Plan (Existing)		
Drawing Ref: P5596-ASP01	Rev: V1	Date: 06/11/2025
Scale: 1:400 - A2	Drawn By: J. Sinclair	
Based on: Topographical Survey		

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ARB. SITE PLAN (PROPOSED)



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Project:	Land off Blacksmiths Lane
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