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Item	Ref. No	Content
01	17/01568/TPO 14/00012/IND	<p>Tree Officer's Comments – A covering email and additional reports from and the applicant's Arboricultural Consultant and Engineer were received on 5th July 2017 – The Reports are dated 28th June 2017 and 5th July 2017. These reports are attached.</p> <p>It is the Tree Officers' opinion that the reports do not add significant new technical information.</p> <p>The Council requested on 17th May that the Engineer's calculations be revisited and reviewed by the Arboricultural Consultant and that further evidence on the nature of the retaining function of the wall be provided along with an appraisal of possible alternative ways of keeping the tree and the wall, such as replacing the wall or rebuilding the wall to a lower height or reinforcing it. This information has not been provided.</p> <p>The Officer's recommendation on the application remains as in the Committee Report</p>
02	17/02066/TPO	<p>Arboricultural Consultant Report – See attached dated 24th June 2017.</p>
05 & 06	17/00220/LBC & CT.3906/H & 17/00314/FUL CT.3906	<p>Case Officer - Page 41 amendment to wording in report (2nd and 4th Paras) and page 52 (5th and 7th para) to read.</p> <p>The proposals <i>would relocate</i> the existing wall by 3.5m further to the west <i>aiming</i> to increase the size of the resultant yard <i>over that of the originally submitted plans. However this would still result in an overall reduction of the existing yard by 3.5m in depth. In addition the proposals</i> would at the same time increase the height of the wall, rendering it more prominent in its uncharacteristic division of the yard space. Indeed the boundary wall would no longer be a simple boundary wall but the wall of a garden room, located within the service yard and physically linking the principal dwelling-</p>

		<p>house to its ancillary outbuilding which historically was characteristically separate both physically and functionally.</p> <p>The proposed centralisation of the entrance door from the yard into the proposed stone wall of the link extension would through its location and use of a solid planked door gives added prominence to the link as an entrance feature, rather than a boundary wall with an incidental gate access within it.</p> <p>The provision of a linking garden room as proposed, although increasing the yard space slightly <i>over that of the originally submitted plans</i> would <i>still</i> result in harm being caused to the individual legibility of the separate buildings, the architectural and operational relationship between the buildings historically and their associated functional spaces, thereby harming the character, significance and setting of the principal and curtilage listed buildings.</p>
07 & 08	17/01695/LBC CT.1198/1/T & 17/01694/FUL CT.1198/1/S	<p>Case Officer - As detailed within the Officer's report, it is proposed that the extension be clad in timber. Whilst this is the applicant's clear preference, they have confirmed that should Members be minded to refuse the application, they would be agreeable to a condition requiring the extension be constructed of stone. The attached additional plans detail this.</p>
09	16/05366/FUL CD.2472/1/G	<p>Northleach Town Council has objected to the "New Details" submitted on 02/06/2017 by a majority vote (27/06/2017) – Please see attached.</p> <p>A further letter of objection has also been received from the local resident who previously objected to the scheme (30/06/2017) – Please see attached.</p>

From: Jason Holt [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 July 2017 19:02
To: Sophia Price; Philippa Lowe
Cc: Pauline Duff; Kevin Field; Planning mail; Raymond Theodoulou
Subject: Arlington House Sycamore Tree

Dear Ms Lowe and Ms Price

Please find attached two further reports consistently saying what has been said for the last 2½ years regarding the immediate risk of serious harm present at Arlington House and the Burford / Cirencester road.

You will note that there is a degree of exasperation in the wording of both experts together with a dwindling sense of patience towards the CDC. We have sort to keep our dialogue with you agreeable with constructive engagement throughout and have elected time and again for a joint working approach with the CDC. I sense that from the tone of both reports, you might agree with me that the experts feel that the game is now over and nothing is going to move you from your position - one as yet that remains unexplained and absent of any evidence or data. This is a pity and something we had hoped to avoid.

Would you kindly write to me please to confirm that you have receipt of these two letters, that they are posted on the public website and that the Planning Committee receives these letters forthwith?

I would also ask that whilst you have them in your possession you might run your eyes over both documents and then ask yourselves two questions. Firstly, why are these two letters from leading local and nationally recognised experts are to be ignored and that consent is now not issued immediately to fell as was the case with Mr Franks in Barnsley. Secondly, at what point will we have reached the level of the bar where we finally have CDC recognition of the risk present here? The bar seems to be constantly moving, remains out of sight and diverges from what the law stipulates.

In the interim we will send you a solicitor's letter detailing your liabilities, our view on the possible issue of maladministration and / or malfeasance and the potency or not of your threat to prosecute and intimidate our right to act reasonably in accordance with the Regulation.

Finally, - as ever the optimist - If you do have a breakthrough moment ahead of the Meeting on Wednesday and you finally feel the bar has been attained would you have courtesy please to let my wife and I know.

Yours sincerely

Jason Holt

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28th June 2017

C14/5159/DJM/AK

Dear Mr Holt,

Retaining wall at Arlington House - structural assistance

Thank you for your recent e-mails dated 7th June 2017 and 20th June 2017.

I understand that there are continuing objections from the Authorities to the proposed removal of the mature sycamore tree immediately behind the road-side retaining wall at Arlington House.

I carried out a further inspection of the wall on 23rd May 2017 at which time the bulge in the dry stone wall by the tree was significantly greater than it was during my inspection on 4th April 2017.

My view is that the root growth of the tree is causing the bulge in the wall and that this will lead to a sudden collapse of the wall. The comment by the Authority that the wall does not retain the garden of Arlington House is incorrect. The comment that the tree will remain stable if the wall collapses is also incorrect – the author of the report is clearly unaware that the tree is close to another wall within the garden of Arlington House which effectively limits the stabilising root growth to a quarter of what is normally provided. I understand that the wall was inspected by a Senior Building Control Surveyor on 26th April 2017, but it is not clear how closely the wall was inspected. A photograph attached to the Authority's report shows the wall face on, from which angle the bulge is very difficult to see. The wall has to be viewed from the top of the grassed berm to be able to see the bulge, although I should mention that during a drive-by inspection earlier today several stones were noted as being significantly proud of the wall – further evidence that the wall is on the move. I would also correct the report's comment that my earlier reports indicate that the top of the wall is the top of the garden – I would draw your attention to my drawing dated 14th October 2014 which clearly shows the top of the wall being above garden level.

I therefore reiterate my comments that the tree is causing the wall to bulge and that the wall will prematurely collapse at any moment because of this movement. Collapse of the wall will cause substantial debris to be thrown across the road and will leave both the tree and the

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garden, which are about 3m above the busy Burford to Cirencester road, in a highly unstable condition – that is, of course, if they have not at the outset already spilled onto the road following the instantaneous collapse of the wall. This is a very probable outcome.

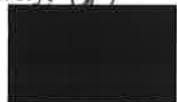
It is my expert opinion that, if the wall were taken down to investigate the nature of the root plate, as suggested by the Tree Officer, then this will leave the tree without the essential support currently provided by the wall, thus rendering the tree dangerously unstable and likely to topple in prevailing winds. The situation would worsen if there were rain, causing mobility of the soil mass, and again my expert view is that, under such conditions, it is very highly probable that the garden and the tree would topple onto the road.

Following my expert advice to you since 2014, there is no solution for re-building the wall with the tree in-situ. This is because there is no space to provide a resilient buffer between the tree roots and the wall so that the unabated growth of the tree roots will continue to dislodge individual stones. With reference to an 'engineered' replacement wall, I should mention that I have had sight of your letter to Cotswold District Council dated 10th April 2017 and in particular to paragraph 23 of this letter. I agree entirely with the points you made. The provision of 12 metre long piles is disproportionately complex and will introduce further jeopardy to the tree and the wall when the work is undertaken. It will take time to receive permissions to undertake the work, thus increasing the vulnerability of the current wall as described above. My earlier reports have consistently iterated an immediate risk of serious harm. The time required to complete a fully detailed engineered solution and then to obtain the requisite permissions runs counter to the very urgent nature of the dangers currently presented.

Moreover, the construction works themselves would necessitate the closure of the road for a period, I estimate, of at least four weeks, and when complete would significantly affect the aspect of the road. The carriageway at this point is already too narrow for large vehicles to pass each other, and the works may well result in a single lane, possibly with traffic lights, to control the 3000 vehicles a day which I believe use this road.

In short, the tree must be taken down to prevent this sequence of events.

Yours sincerely, *DM*



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ADVICE

To Jason Holt
Date 05.07.17
Instruction Arlington House
FLAC Instruction ref RC36-1029
Client Addressee
Subject Sycamore tree at Arlington House adjacent to B4425, Bibury

I write further to prior correspondence and to receipt from you of what I understand to be a final opinion from your consulting engineer, David Mills of David Smith Associates, on which you have asked me now to reflect. My advice is that:

Summary of how matters stand

1. I wish to start by summarizing my understanding of how matters presently stand.
 - i) The tree is quite visibly hard up against the wall
 - ii) The wall is not so constructed so as to be able to resist the growth of the tree
 - iii) The tree continues to grow
 - iv) The wall has suffered structural distress and is visibly undergoing progressive collapse, per the professional opinion of Mr Mills
 - v) It is unknown and unknowable whether sufficient soil will spill out from the rootplate anchorage zone (such as it is) so as to undermine and bring about the collapse of the tree if the wall fails; it cannot plausibly be argued that this is not at least a foreseeable possibility. Your engineer considers this eventuality to be *very highly probable*
 - vi) Regardless of the fate of the tree should the wall fail, Mr Mills is clear that this failure would deposit unquantified but substantial debris onto the open highway



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- vii) Writing now as an internationally recognized expert in tree-related risk assessment, in my opinion the usage of the road (ca. 3000 vehicles per day) is such that it would be an act of breathtaking recklessness to assume that this would not result in a road traffic accident
 - viii) The Tree Officer who is presently the apparent source of obstruction of the tree's removal has only junior arboricultural qualifications and no apparent engineering qualifications. There can be no reasonable dispute that he is not qualified to comment on engineering matters to any material degree
 - ix) It must follow that the Council would be equally reckless in affording his opinion weight against that of your engineer who is, as we know, just so qualified
 - x) Your engineer considers that the incremental growth of the tree is destabilizing the wall and that its collapse, at any moment, is foreseeable
 - xi) Your engineer can identify no timely remedy to the situation absent prior removal of the tree; no contrary remedy is proposed by the Council
 - xii) It is on this basis that the Regulation 14 Notice (intent to fell in reliance on the exemption for danger) has been issued
 - xiii) At heart, therefore, this is an engineering matter, with the arboricultural element comprising merely the factual observations a) that the tree directly pressures the wall; and b) that the tree continues to grow
 - xiv) The Council has advanced no contrary engineering opinion and insofar as they have offered any arboricultural opinion at all, it neither contradicts with evidence (after all, how could it?) the factual observation that the tree is pressing against the wall, nor that it continues to grow
2. In light of the foregoing, it is very difficult to understand why we are where we are with this patently dangerous tree still in place
3. The law is clear: an exemption from TPO protection is provided for the prevention of danger (I paraphrase); the liability holder at first instance (you) has a duty under the Occupiers Liability acts towards keeping those on and adjacent to your property safe from dangers kept on or allowed to escape from it, and it is thus you who must be able to access the exemption. Notwithstanding the general right you have in this regard as a public citizen, your rights are strongly reinforced in this case through supporting professional opinion, on which you are entitled to rely
4. It is, therefore, a shocking perversion and frustration of the clear statutory intent for the Council to seek to prevent access to said exemption through threat of prosecution. If this exemption is out of reach here, then it becomes difficult if not impossible to contemplate under what circumstances it *would* be available
5. Based on my substantial experience considering both precedent and non-precedent tree accident cases, I would say that the action of the Council has the effect of transferring at least partial liability onto its shoulders should an accident happen

6. In light of the foregoing, I recommend:
- i) That you instruct a solicitor to write to the Council seeking reversal of its unreasonable and bizarre position, and in the meantime putting it on notice that it will be held liable in the event of an accident; and
 - ii) That when the dust settles from this sorry affair, you instruct us to make a complaint for maladministration to the Local Government Ombudsman, which we would be pleased to do with great vigour

Director

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Ref: BJU/mmi

Dear Mr Helliwell,

Sycamore tree at Old Mill Barn – proposed replacement by new tree – Application to Cotswold District Council 17/02066/TPO -

1. Instruction.

- 1.1 Dan Jeanes (Tree Surgeon) has made a treework application to replace your big sycamore with a birch, which Cotswold DC are minded to refuse, offering repeat reduction instead.
- 1.2 Therefore, you have asked B.J.Unwin Forestry Consultancy to inspect the tree, and advise on its future.

2. Inspection.

- 2.1 The inspection was by Jim Unwin, with you, on 22nd June.
- 2.2 The survey was from ground level. It involved visual observation, measurement with tapes, and sounding with a hammer: and chisel and long steel rod if required (Visual Tree Assessment: Mattheck and Breloer 1994 and Lonsdale 1999).
- 2.3 The survey was led by was by Jim Unwin, who has forty years' experience working with trees (professional CV attached).

Notes:

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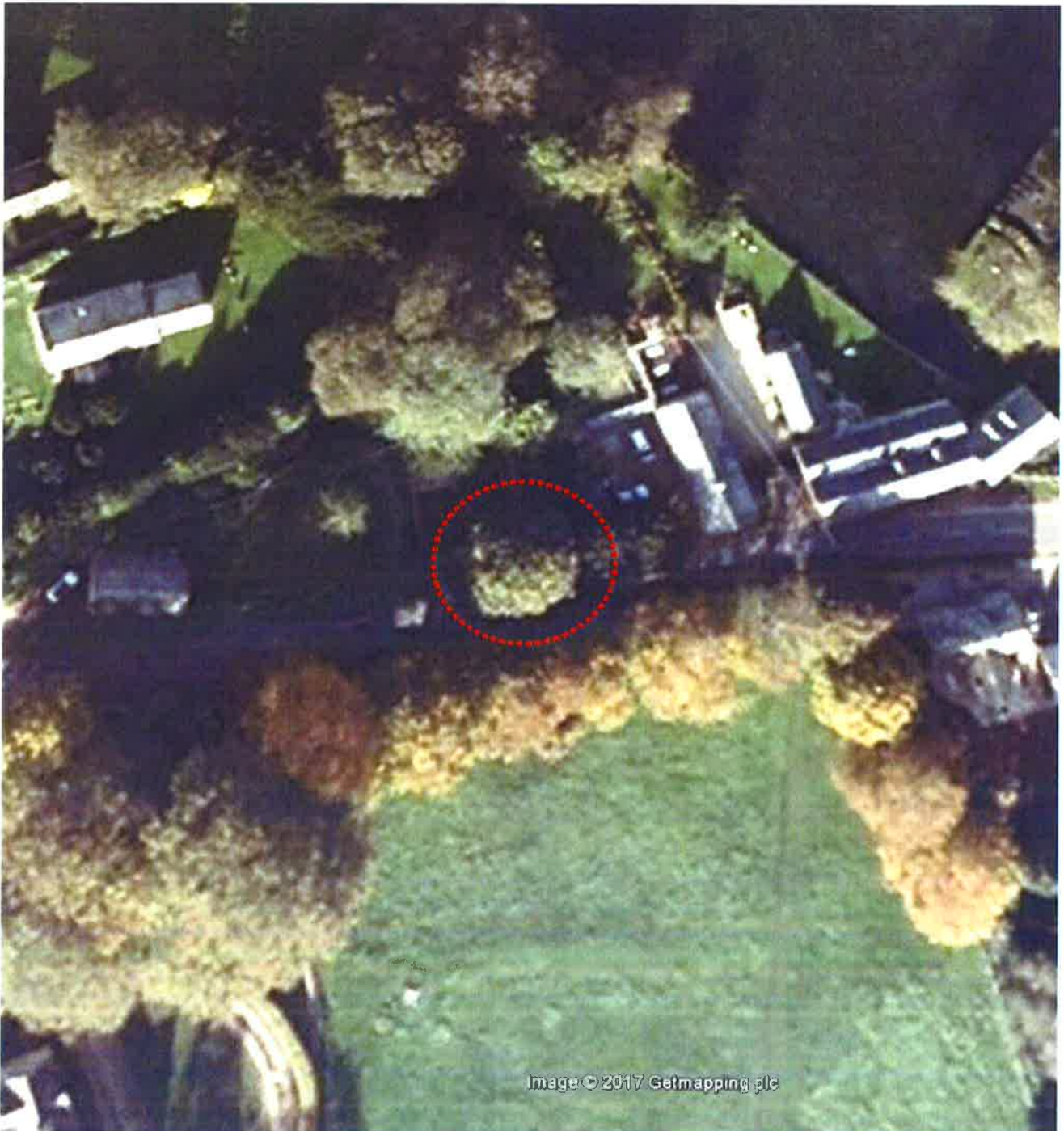


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3. The Site:-

- 3.1 The site inspected is a medium-sized garden, rising in terraces west from the parking area and Old Mill Barn. The house windows all face west up the terraced garden.
- 3.2 The site is set in a cutting where the B4077 narrow but busy road drops to the River Dikler, where motorists eyes are firmly concentrating on either the narrow bridge or the narrowness of the road.
- 3.3 Sycamore location shown on 2006 Google Earth aerial below. It has grown since. Note the horse chestnut avenue to its south and tree copse to its north.



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4. The tree:-

- 4.1 The sycamore is located about 19m west-south-west and 4m above the house. It is about 4m from the road verge and about 2m above it.
- 4.2 The sycamore has a defect-free stem of 66cm dbh, and is 17-18m tall. Radial crown spread we measured as 9m north: 2/3 across the upper lawn, 10m east towards the house, 9.5m at least halfway across the road, and 7m west.
- 4.3 As noted by the Council and Dan Jeanes, there are several cavities where the sycamore was hard 'topped'; about twenty years ago (pers. Com. from Mr Helliwell). Example in photo below. We are unsure if this cavity originates from pruning, or wind damage or squirrel damage.



- 4.4 Overall, the sycamore is a large and well-shaped tree. However, it has structural defects in the canopy, and causes other problems, discussed below.
- 4.5 Amenity value:
 - 4.5.1 The sycamore is a large tree overhanging a road. It is easily seen in views along the short straight connecting the river bridge and the 90° bend higher up the village. However, as noted above, there is little time for a motorist to admire the tree as deep concentration on the road is essential here.
 - 4.5.2 A public footpath leaves the road just below Old Mill Barn and heads south across a meadow. From here the view of the sycamore is limited to a couple of metres of the very top of the tree, because a horse chestnut avenue intervenes. There are also other trees behind the sycamore which form the skyline from this view. Photo overleaf, sycamore outlined.

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5. Discussion:-

5.1 Structure:

- 5.1.1 The sycamore has some structural defects in its crown, which the Council has suggested could be mitigated by repeat pruning, they suggest reduce about 7m off height to 10m, and reduce radii to 3-4m. This would constitute very heavy pruning: 41% off height and up to 50% off radii. Although I accept here the Council's assessment of radii of 6m is a significant under-estimate, so the intent would be about 44% off radii.
- 5.1.2 Such heavy pruning would create large wounds which could cause more decay in the future, and it would be a significant loss of leaf area, at a guess, 70% of canopy volume lost.
- 5.1.3 Such heavy pruning would create an ugly shape and remove the tree's amenity value: negating the justification for its retention. It would need repeating periodically, maybe as frequently as three-five years. This would be unreasonably onerous on a semi-rural tree.

5.2 Roadside wall:

The sycamore stands at the top of a steep bank dropping to the narrow road, and 2.5m (measured down the bank) is a drystone wall. It is bowing out opposite the tree (photo), and Mr Helliwell has repaired this section opposite the tree previously. The tree's roots could be pushing against this lightly-built and easily-damaged structure. This is a lesser problem, but any stone falling onto the road would be hard for a vehicle to avoid.



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5.3 Shading and dominance:

5.3.1 A greater problem: the sycamore has a large and dense canopy, which blocks light from the garden from morning 'til evening, and from the house from early-afternoon onwards.

5.3.2 The garden of Old Mill Barn already suffers light loss/shading from its location in a dell, and from tall trees south of the road and on higher ground to the north. Photo below shows the view up the garden in mid-summer evening where the sun is just peeking under the sycamore for the first time that day.

5.3.3 Light loss and dominance could be mitigated by hard pruning, but the discussion in 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 suggests this is not a suitable treatment.

In summary: The tree has totally outgrown its setting.



5.4 Recommendation

5.4.1 We agree with Mr Helliwell and, I understand, a local resident (also the Chairman of Swell Parish Council) that the sycamore has come to the end of its useful life here. Measures to allow its retention would so damage the tree and its amenity value, that they are not worth the effort.

5.4.2 We recommend removing the sycamore and planting a new tree with a more light-porous canopy. Birch has been suggested; which would suffice. This is similar to advice already given by three tree surgeons.

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5.5 Treework informatives, included for general information:-

5.5.1 Disturbance to wildlife.

It is essential to check for nesting birds, bat roosts, badgers and hibernating animals such as hedgehogs under trees, before pruning or removing trees, as negligent disturbance is an offence under the EC Habitat Directive 1992, CROW Act 2000 & Protection of Badgers Act. The Habitat Regulations were amended in August 2007 to include as an offence **any** damage or destruction of a breeding site or resting place of European Protected species: mainly bats in a tree context.

In general, autumn tree work: **September, October and November** is least disruptive to bats and birds.

5.5.2 Permission

The site does stand within a Conservation Area. The tree is protected by TPO.

Trees may be owned by third-parties.

Trees may be protected by planning conditions.

Therefore, a contractor must satisfy himself that all necessary permissions from the local planning authority or tree owners are in place before touching trees.

5.5.3 Quality of Tree Work

All off-ground tree work should be done by insured tree surgeon with certificates in aerial chainsaw use (new designations:- NPTC 020-04, 0020-05, 0020-07, 0021-01, 0021-07; LANTRA 600/5703/8, 600/5717/8, 600/5715/5, 600/5704/X, 600/5714/2), and working to BS3998:2010 and working to BS3998:2010, and "Treework at Height", the Arboricultural Association's ICoP.

(Stumps can be left to shoot again, ground out, or grubbed out, or poisoned as required.)

This report may be submitted Cotswold District Council for permission, and to a contractor to quote.

Please contact us if you have any queries, or require further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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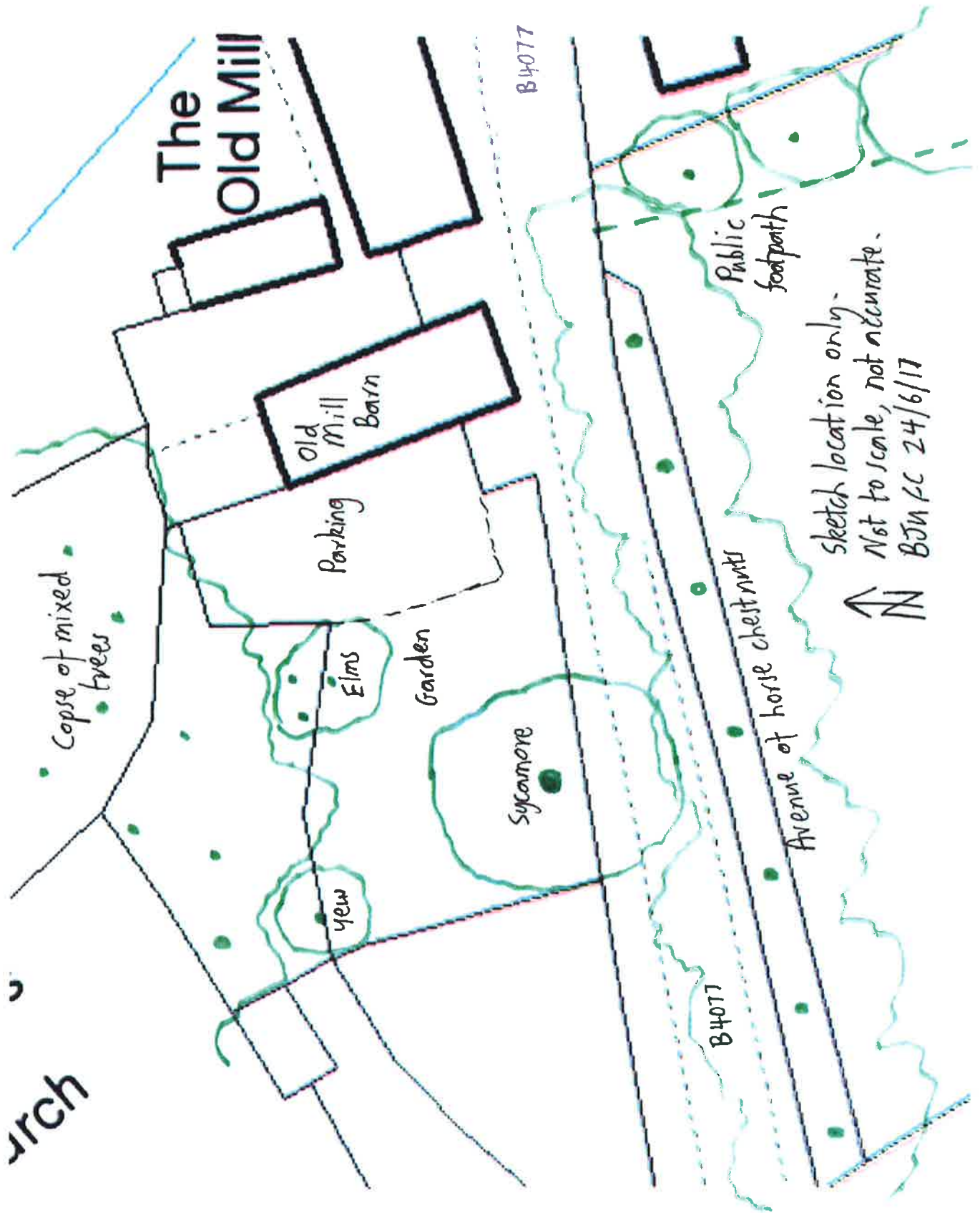
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"The Body Language of Trees". Claus Mattheck and Helge Breloer. HMSO 1994.
"Principles of Tree Hazard Assessment and Management". David Lonsdale. HMSO 1999.
BS 3998: 2010 "British Standard Recommendations for Treework".

Attached:

- Site location plan,
- & BJUFC professional CV.

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From:	Jim Unwin	To:	Prospective Client
Date:	June 2017	No. of pages:	2
Subject:	Professional CV		

Below are set out **B J Unwin Forestry Consultancy's** competences and experience.

Insurance:-

£5m Public Liability & £2m Professional Indemnity (renewed June).

Personnel:-

B J Unwin (born 1956) started his forestry career as a tree surgeon and landscape contractor in 1975. He studied forestry at Aberdeen University from 1977 to 1981, worked for Unilever as a Forestry Manager in the Solomon Islands from 1981 to 1983. Since then he has been based in Gloucestershire assisting clients to manage their woodland, trees and vegetation throughout Southern Britain, and occasionally in northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In the mid-1980s to mid-1990s for a period of about ten years he taught chainsaw, tree felling and tree surgery courses at Worcestershire Agricultural College on a part-time basis. He was assessed and passed as a LANTRA assessor in these skills, and held NPTC certificates of competence in chainsaw use on the ground and up trees.

He now works as a tree consultant / manager / contract manager to a range of clients listed below.

For tree decay testing we have a **PICUS II ULTRASOUND** tomograph with electronic calipers and **RESISTOGRAPH-R400** drill.

He works with two self-employed arboriculturalists of >20 years' combined experience:-

Jasper Fulford-Dobson Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant - Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters - Professional member of the International Society of Arboriculture - Technicians Certificate (ArborA) 2005, now regarded as NQF "level 4" - Professional Tree Inspection Certificate (LANTRA) 2013,

Owen Hutchison BSc(Hons) Agriculture & Estate Management, Level 4 Diploma Arboriculture, LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection & working with trees since 2008, & arboriculture student **Alex Collier** who in June 2016 achieved Pershore College Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture, completing the course with a Distinction grade (+SC30).

Plus a secretary/ plan technician; calling in extra help as required (eg ecologist or arboricultural assistant). On bigger projects he regularly works as a part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Current BJUFC qualifications are:-

BSc Forestry Hons 1st Class, Aberdeen 1981.

Chartered Forester, 1986.

Fellow of the Arboricultural Association, 1995.

Licensed Subsidence Risk Assessor, 1997-2001 (scheme closed in 2001).

Completed Training in September 2002 to Prepare Native Woodland Plans for CCW and FC in Wales.

Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant, 2004.

LANTRA certificate for Arboriculture and Bats, BJU in 2005.

Examined and approved to submit Welsh WGS as Management Planner and PAWS Assessor, 2006.

Joined Utilities Vendor DataBase, Supplier No: 88101 in Feb 2006 (left 2010).

Training and Certification in basic CAD operation 2006.

Chartered Environmentalist April 2008.

Woodfuel Production and Supply : LANTRA Certificate of Training Dec 2008.

Training in CAVAT amenity tree asset valuation October 2010.

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Company Safety Policy:- We have been successfully assessed by Safety Management Advisory Services (SMAS) as meeting CDM Regs 2015 Core Criteria Stage 1, as a **Worksafe Consultant No. 50866**. Dated 08/08/2016 expiry 10/08/2017. CITB Health, Safety & Environment Test for Managers & Professionals passed 22/01/2015.
First-aid at work June 2013.

Current clients and typical work include:-

English Heritage	Tree safety inspection contract 2007-2013 for East Midlands, East Anglia, London and SE England. Tree safety inspection contract for West of England & Midlands 2013-2019.
Planning Inspectorate (PINS) & Dept for Communities and Local Government.	Arboricultural Inspecting Officer in South-West England, South East England, West Midlands and East Midlands; advising the First Secretary of State on TPO appeals since 2000. Contract with DCLG expired April 2008 when transferred to PINS. Contract continues with PINS, as Non-Salaried Arboricultural Inspector, determining TPO appeals and High Hedge appeals.
Architects / Developers / Planning Appeals	Complete Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Protection advice for planning, working with other professionals to input arboriculture into more complex development schemes. Recent assignments in Liverpool to Dorset, Kent, Norfolk & London. All using BS5837:2012. FULL CAD CAPABILITY.
Amey Mouchel Ltd	Overseeing Amey Tree Officer on motorway and trunkroad tree inspections throughout Midlands and Marches to 2012. Amey Mouchel are agents for Highways Agency.
CRH Tarmac Ltd, + Midland Quarry Products + Quarryplan (in Northern Ireland).	Since 1990 working with Estates staff, quarry managers and Landscape / ecological consultancies organising and managing contracts for tree and woodland planting both pre- and post- quarrying. Also preparing landscape restoration schemes for straightforward sites plus landscape management on sites throughout southern England, East Anglia and south and south-west Wales. (Commendations for Land Restoration and Environmental improvements from Spelthorne Borough Council 2003.) Also in England & Northern Ireland ongoing tree consultancy for Quarryplan.
Bruton Knowles	Assisting BK clients with woodland management and other tree issues since 1984.
Tarmac Central now CRH Tarmac Ltd.	Since 1988 woodland management of Hopwas Hays Wood, Tamworth.
Rural estates in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, plus private woodland owners in southern England and Wales.	Since 1983 woodland management, tree management, hedgerow management. Many are Ancient woodlands and SSSI's requiring detailed ecological management plans produced in consultation with ecologists. About forty Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and about twenty Native Woodland Plans prepared to date in England and Wales. On-going EWGS grant applications. Input into Tir Gofal (and its successor) and Stewardship schemes. Better Woods for Wales (BWW) applications.
British Waterways	Ten-year Tree and Vegetation Management Plans along canals and around reservoirs in London, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Birmingham, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Llangollen Canal, etc: plus help in dispute with riparian owners. This work ceased around 2011.
Stroud District Council	Management of 49Ha woodland since 1989 on FC schemes plus grassland on DEFRA Stewardship Schemes, including HLS. Retired Nov07.
One-off clients	Since 1983 assisting tree owners, developers, lawyers etc throughout southern or midland Britain, including Wales, on a wide range of tree-related issues including planning, planning appeals, subsidence, health & safety, disputes, vegetation control, expert witness, valuation of woodlands, standing and felled timber, Christmas trees etc, and tree and landscape planting schemes. Recently High Hedge issues and BS5837 are hot topics.
Malvern Hills District Council. South Oxfordshire District Council	BJU Stand-in part-time Consultant Tree Officer Summer 2003. JF-D stand in Consultant Tree Officer summer 2009 to spring 2010.
Golf course & leisure facilities	Assistance with development of Carden Park golf course in Cheshire. Management advice for trees on other golf courses: Eg Ross Golf Club, Swindon Golf Club .
Farm management	Management of own 95Ha farmland since 1985.

Please do not hesitate to ask for further information. B. J. Unwin END.

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Comments for Planning Application 16/05366/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 16/05366/FUL

Address: Resource Centre The Old Prison Fosse Way Northleach Gloucestershire

Proposal: Provision of a shipping container for storage purposes ("New Details" received 02/06/2017)

Case Officer: Joanne Reeves

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Northleach Town Council

Address: The Westwoods Centre Bassett Rd Northleach

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Objection Comments

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Impact on Conservation Area
- Impact on Listed Building

Comment: Councillors object to this application by a majority vote.

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Address: Resource Centre The Old Prison Fosse Way Northleach Gloucestershire

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Case Officer: Joanne Reeves

Customer Details

Name: Mr Andrew Wellman

Address: Lyndale Northleach Cheltenham

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Objection Comments

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Design
- Impact on Conservation Area
- Impact on Listed Building
- Trees and landscaping

Comment: This is a type of construction that is entirely unsuitable for the location.

The application seeks to install a shipping container, which, as the name suggests, is designed to transfer goods on a container vessel travelling the high seas - not to take up residence next to a historic and listed building in the very heart of the Cotswolds.

None of the proposed siting areas is suitable for the reasons in my previous objection submission.

I am aghast that CDC even considered that this is an acceptable option for increased storage - an extension to the existing barn would be acceptable as would a suitable wooden shed, but a shipping container?!

I look forward to putting in my application for a shipping container in my garden if this gets approved!

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