

**Cotswold District Council Tree Preservation Order Appraisal**

Site: Upper Town House  
Longborough

Date: 20/8/24

Officer: JH + JT

General Description of Tree(s) (or group of trees/woodland):

Scattered trees & groups of trees across existing development site & extended site to the south.

**1 Public Visibility**

Public places from which the tree can be seen (including future considerations such as development)

Yes - existing PTO and highways + post development locations

Is/are the tree/trees a skyline feature?

Yes - site is on an elevated situation

Is/are the tree/trees seen against a backdrop of other trees?

Partly

Is/are the tree/trees a visual feature in a Conservation Area or AONB?

Yes

**2 Arboricultural Quality**

Is/are the tree/trees in reasonable arboricultural condition?

Mostly yes

Is/are the tree/trees an appropriate species for the character of the locality and landscape?

Yes, mixture of natives & non-natives suitable for village edge

Is/are the tree/trees a particularly old or large example of its species and/or does the tree have veteran characteristics?

No

Does/do the tree/trees have specific cultural, historic or biodiversity interest?

Natives provide biodiversity interest.

**3 Life Expectancy and Replaceability**

Has/have the tree/trees a biological life expectancy of more than 20 years?

The vast majority yes

Is/are the tree/trees growing in sufficient space to be allowed to grow for a further 20 years?

Yes

Could the visual amenity value of the tree/s be replaced by new planting within 10 years?

No

Is there clear evidence of structural damage to property caused by the tree(s) that could only be resolved by removal of the tree(s)?

No

#### **4 Impact of Removal**

Would the loss of the tree(s) be noticeable from public places?

Yes

Would the removal of the tree(s) harm or benefit the health or stability of other trees?

No

Would the removal of the tree(s) result in loss of screening of an eyesore or poor quality landscape feature?

Partially - Removal of significant trees & sections of trees would open up views of new development.

Is/are the tree/trees part of an agreed landscape/ tree retention scheme or replacement planting scheme subject to a planning condition?

Yes - on the development site

#### **Conclusions**

Would the removal of the tree(a) have a significant negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public?

Yes

Would protection with a TPO bring a reasonable degree of public benefit in the present or future?

Yes - Current development not adhering to tree protection measures & trees on wider site have been removed/impacted