



ANNEX B – CDC TPO ASSESSMENT

Cotswold District Council Tree Preservation Order Appraisal

Site: **The Folly**

Date: **01.04.26**

Officer: **J.Hobbs/J Tyson**

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

1 Public Visibility

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

Yes from road (Welsh Way). Fairly busy secondary route into Fairford.

Is/are the tree/trees a skyline feature?

No

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

No

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

Locally prominent. In AONB, edge of Conservation Area

2 Arboricultural Quality

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

Yes – Mostly no significant structural or physiological risk features at time of assessment. Good crown vitality, no significant deadwood, no evident basal issues, no fungal fruiting bodies. Some apples are in a poorer condition.

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

Evergreens are non-native but do not look out of place. Provide year round greenery at an entrance to Fairford. Fruit trees are typical of garden setting

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?

Not known whether the tree has a cultural or historic interest locally. Native trees have biodiversity value. Non – native evergreens will provide nest/roosting sites for birds.

3 Life Expectancy and Replaceability

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

Yes, nothing presently to indicate that they do not.

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

Yes although pruning over the Welsh Way may be required in the future.

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

Unlikely

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 from the Welsh Way and public footpath through the site.

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?

Not presently. PiP for development on site has been granted so trees could help screen any development on site.

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

No

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

Expedient to serve a Tree Preservation Order

Yes