



Welsh-Wood

Arboricultural Consultancy

Date: 5th September 2021
Ref: NEB 21002

FAO Mr D Wristwear
Croes Howell
Straight Mile,
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Wrexham
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Dear Mr. Wristwear,

Re: Tree Assessment relevant to proposed development at the above address.

Further to our conversation and my site visit completed on Friday 3rd September 2021, I am writing to confirm my findings regarding the development of the camping pods at Croes Howell.

The purpose of my site visit was to assess the impact of the proposed development on any trees or hedgerows. There are 3 individual trees, English oak (*Quercus robur*), at the site perimeter but off site (NW, SW) and hedgerows bordering the site on 3 sides (SE, SW, NW).

All three trees were assessed during the site visit however there were significant restrictions to assessment in the form of access, ivy and adjacent vegetation (hedgerow).

It is understood that construction for the pods involves the removal of the turf and topsoil, and installation of raft foundations in the site interior. It is also understood that an area of nettles is to be cleared from site in the SW corner.

The arisings from the nettle clearance and topsoil removal will be used to create a bund along the NE site boundary. There are no trees or hedges present along this boundary currently. Any proposals for planting of this area should be detailed in your application to the planning department.

I understand your original design included an area of decking in the north corner of the site. This will not be achievable as the area falls within the root protection area (RPA) for one of the trees.

Otherwise, I can confirm that the development will have no impact on the trees or hedgerows on site so long as the pods remain outside of the root protection areas. This includes any space required on site to facilitate the development including access by the installation team and plant or machinery. Root protection fencing is required to be in place prior to development and must be maintained for the duration of the development.

As you are aware I have discussed the matter with the Arboricultural Officer in Planning at Wrexham County Borough Council, Jon Brewin. Mr. Brewin has confirmed that he may accept the following as an alternative to an Arboricultural Impact Assessment should he deem the findings satisfactory.

- A letter confirming that the development has no impact on trees or hedgerows
- An amended scaled plan indicating the exact location of the development, the location of the trees and their root protection areas, and the location of fencing to ensure that root protection areas are maintained for the duration of the development
- Removal or relocation of the proposed decking area (to be shown on the amended plan)

All three trees require protective fencing for the duration of the development. The hedgerows do not require fencing but it must be noted that no ground excavations, ground disturbance or storage of materials must take place within 2m of all on-site hedgerows. This includes any proposals for tree planting.

The root protection areas for the three trees must be maintained as a minimum distance of 8m from the main stem in any direction. This is usually shown as a circle, centred on the tree's main stem, with a radius of 8m. The fencing for all three trees must be established to ensure protection of this area however may be proportionate to the development. As such barrier mesh fencing is suggested. The important factors for the fencing are its visibility and durability to ensure root protection areas are maintained successfully.

I hope that this meets with your approval however if you have any comments please do not hesitate to get in touch. In addition, should the planning authority require any further detail from me do let me know.

Kind regards,



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