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Assessment of site for protected species impacts

Argoed Hall
Gate Road
Froncysyllte
Llangollen
LL20 7RH

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Site assessment for protected species at Gate Road, Froncysyllte, Llangollen, LL20 7RH

Introduction

We were requested to undertake an assessment of the site at Argoed Hall, to ascertain potential protected species impacts of the proposed development. This assessment was done on 26th September.

Methodology

The site was given a detailed visual assessment, with special emphasis on potential signs of badgers and bats.

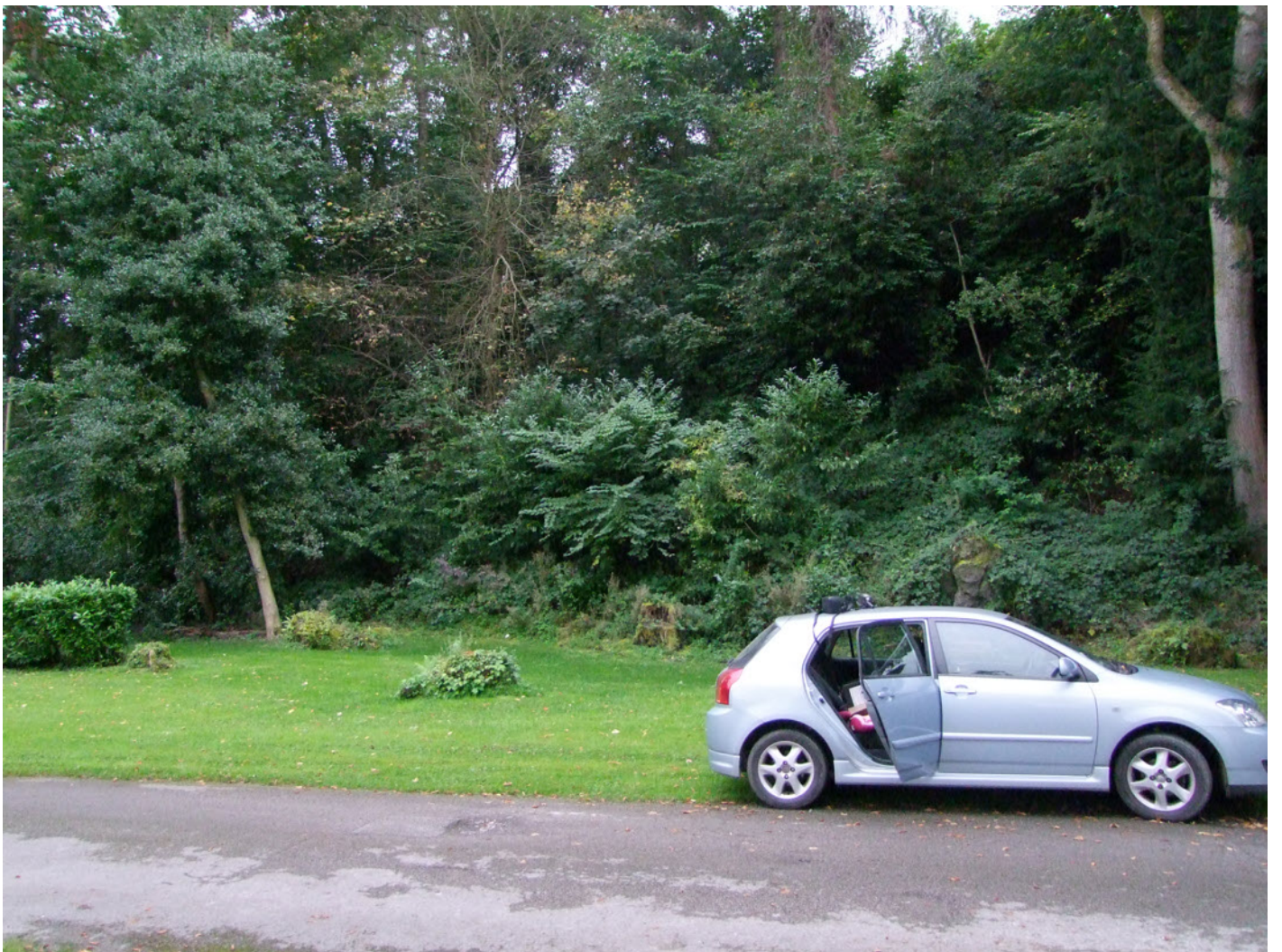
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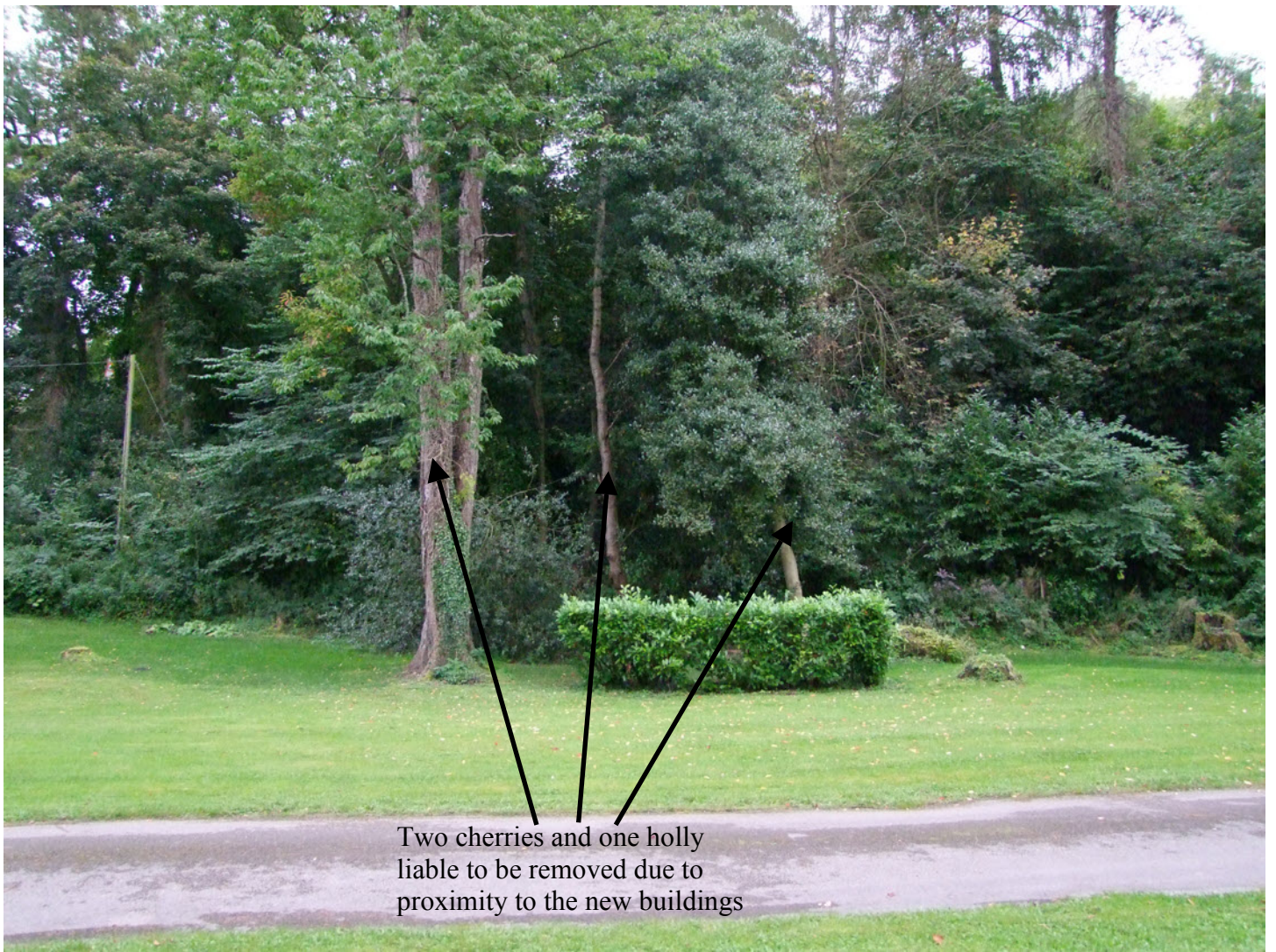
All areas were accessible, and there are no limitations to the assessment.

Overview

The proposed development is for the construction of two residences in the formal garden area at the entrance to Argoed Hall. This area mainly comprises formal lawn, with some large trees and areas of brambles and other low vegetation, at the base of a steep wooded slope below the A5 road (on the right of the photograph below).







Observations, Conclusions & Recommendations

The development will cover the area of the formal lawn adjacent to the front wall of the property, and up to the bottom of the wooded slope.

There are no protected species issues apparent in this area.

There is a likelihood that two cherry trees and a holly tree may have to be removed, but there is no sign that these trees have any potential for bats.

The trees and shrubs along the front wall of the property (on the left of the photograph below) are to be left as a screen between the development and the road, and the wooded slope on the other side is to be unaffected by the development.

There are no signs indicating use of the area by badgers, and no other protected species issues are apparent.

There are no ecological issues that would prevent this development proceeding, providing the ground is cleared outside the bird breeding season.

Survey & report by Martin Bailey.

