Arboricultural Statement

The following statement relates to the quality and value (in a non-fiscal sense) of the existing tree stock within the context of proposed development at 42 Kitchener Road, Amesbury SP4 7AD

Preamble

The following is based on British Standard 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations (BS:5837).

BS:5837 provides 'recommendations and guidance for arboriculturists, architects, builders, engineers, landscape architects ….. and all others interested in harmony between trees and development in its broadest sense'.

BS:5837 gives 'recommendations and guidance on the relationship between trees and design, demolition and construction processes', and it 'it sets out the principles and procedures to be applied to achieve a harmonious and sustainable relationship between trees and structures'.

The Tree Survey

The purpose of the tree survey is to identify the quality and value (in a non-fiscal sense) of the existing tree stock within the context of proposed development, allowing informed decisions to be made concerning which trees should be removed or retained in the event of development occurring on land at 42 Kitchener Road, Amesbury SP4 7AD.

The quality and value of existing trees is allocated to one of four categories, namely A, B, C or U for Unsuitable for retention. The category allocated to each tree depends in part upon the information gathered in the tree survey, it depends in part upon the 'cascade chart for tree quality assessment' contained within BS:5837 and it is in part, subjective.

A proposed design *must* make every effort to retain all category A trees and where possible *ought* to retain category B trees. Category C trees *should* be retained if there is scope to do so but they should not be considered a constraint to any proposed design or subsequent development.



Photo 1 (above): The existing drive and garage

Photo 2: The rear garden



The Development

The proposed development is refurbish the existing bungalow and to construct the new residential dwellings.

Protected and Heritage Trees

The site does not lie within a designated Conservation Area and there are no Tree Preservation Orders in effect either on, or immediately adjacent to the site.
Reference: https://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/

There are no ancient or veteran trees on, or immediately adjacent to the site.
Reference: https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/

The site is not an ancient woodland or a wood pasture and there are no ancient woodlands or wood pastures immediately adjacent to the site.
Reference: https://magic.defra.gov.uk/

Statement

All the trees on site are unremarkable and of limited merit and hence are allocated to category C. The loss of these trees would have a minimal impact on the visual amenity of the local area or the wider landscape and as such they should not be considered a constraint to any proposed design or subsequent development; the loss of these trees can be readily mitigated by replacement planting.

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Dated: *31st March 2021*

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