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ALVEDISTON MANOR.

Arboricultural Report

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Woodland & Countryside Management Ltd. was commissioned to carry out a site visit in October 2025. Following the meeting the following proposals are submitted. This report provides details of the proposal to carry out works to trees and hedges in the gardens of the Grade 2 listed Alvediston Manor.

1.2 Purpose of Report

At this stage the purpose of the report is to provide sufficient information to determine any application to carry out works to trees and hedges.

1.3 Qualifications and Experience

My Qualifications are a BSc (Hons) in Countryside Management and National Diploma in Forestry. I have 45 years' experience in Forestry, Arboriculture and Countryside management primarily in the local authority sector but also the Forestry Commission. I hold numerous NPTC certificates including tree inspection. I have been running Woodland and Countryside Management Ltd. for 14 years. I have worked for Local Authorities, Forestry Commission, MOD, Environmental Organisations, Estates, Estate Agents, Individual landowners, and householders. I am a serving member of the Royal Forestry Society and Confederation of Forest Industries. I have also been a part time lecturer in Arboriculture and Woodland Management at Sparsholt and Lackham Colleges.

2 SITE EVALUATION

2.1 Site Visit

A site visit was carried out on the 8th of October with the client's agent to discuss options and to identify works.

2.2 Site Description

The site consists of formal gardens and stables located within the grounds of Alvediston Manor.

2.3 Collection of Data

The data provided in the BS5837 report has been used as the basis of this report along with information and photographs collected and taken on the various site visits.

3. PROPOSALS FOR WORK

Following the site meeting a number of work proposals were agreed.

3.1 Indian Bean Tree (*Catalpa bignonioides*)

The Tree stands 8.5m tall, has a diameter of 420mm with a crown extending up to 5.50m to the north. The tree is growing in a small area bounded by hedges and buildings and is located 1.5m from the stable building. The tree has been heavily pruned in the past, If retained this tree will require increased and regular pruning to ensure the stable building is not adversely affected. There is also concern over potential for root damage to the building. The foliage is sparse and there is some apical die back in the crown, likely to be caused by stress caused by regular pruning and its location in a very small area of bed. The tree does not have any great impact on the landscape of the gardens and is virtually unseen from outside the property. It is proposed to remove this tree.



View of tree and stable building.



View of tree from garden.



View of tree from stable yard.

3.2 Yew Hedge

There are a number Yew hedges within the gardens, these are around 40-50 years old and are regularly managed. There is a hedge that is located very close to the stable buildings, being planted only 1.5m. from the building, resulting in a very narrow path and blocking any light to the windows. It is proposed to remove the hedge along the boundary of the stable building. As this is an internal hedge its removal will not be visible other than from within this particular area of the garden. All individual specimen trees will be retained and will visually break up the line of the building.



View of hedge looking north.



View of hedge looking south.



View of hedge from garden.

4 SUMMARY

Following the site visit and discussion the above report provides details of proposals to remove a tree and a length of hedge to improve access around and light to the stable building.

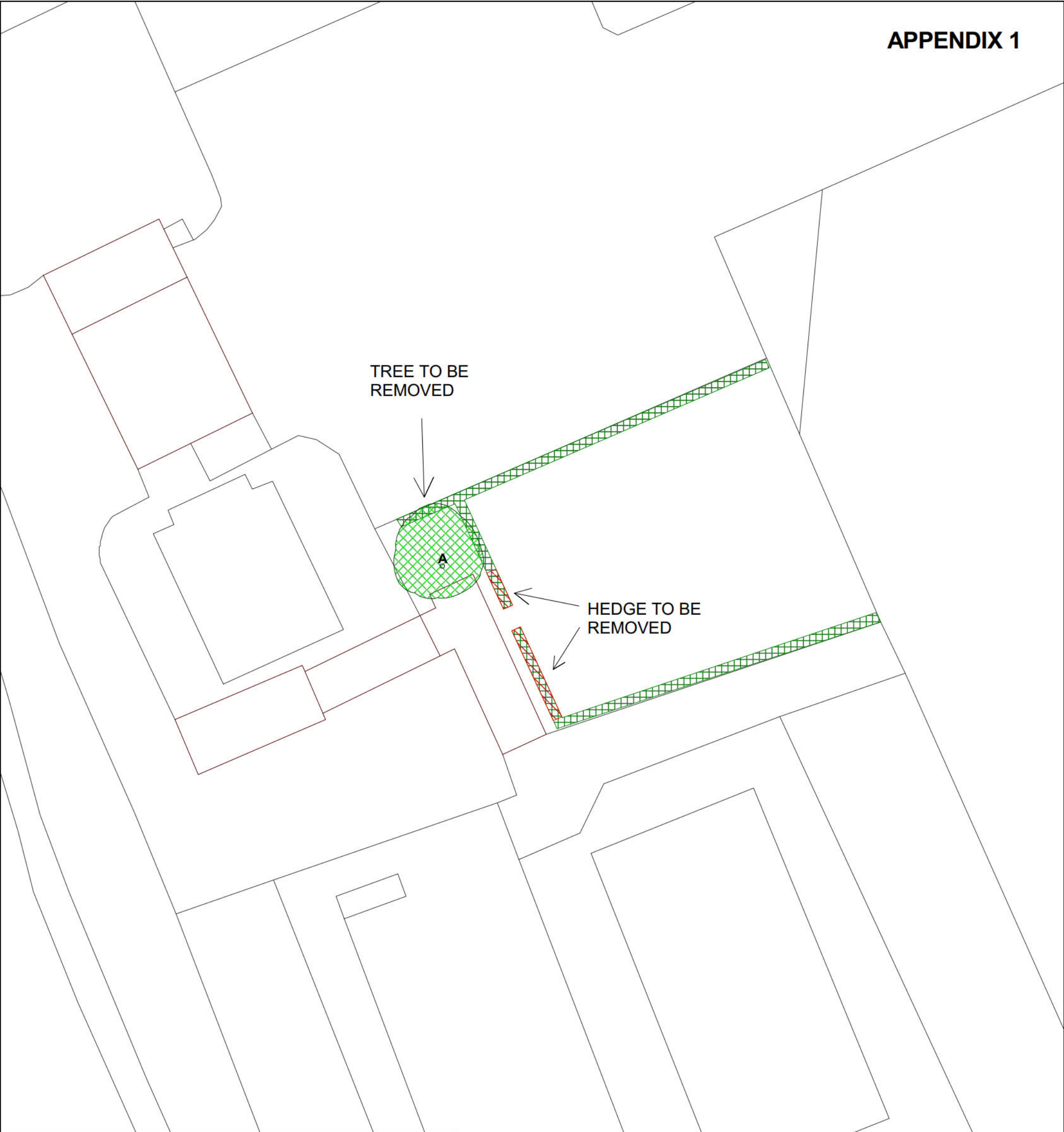
5 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Tree Survey Plan identifying trees.



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