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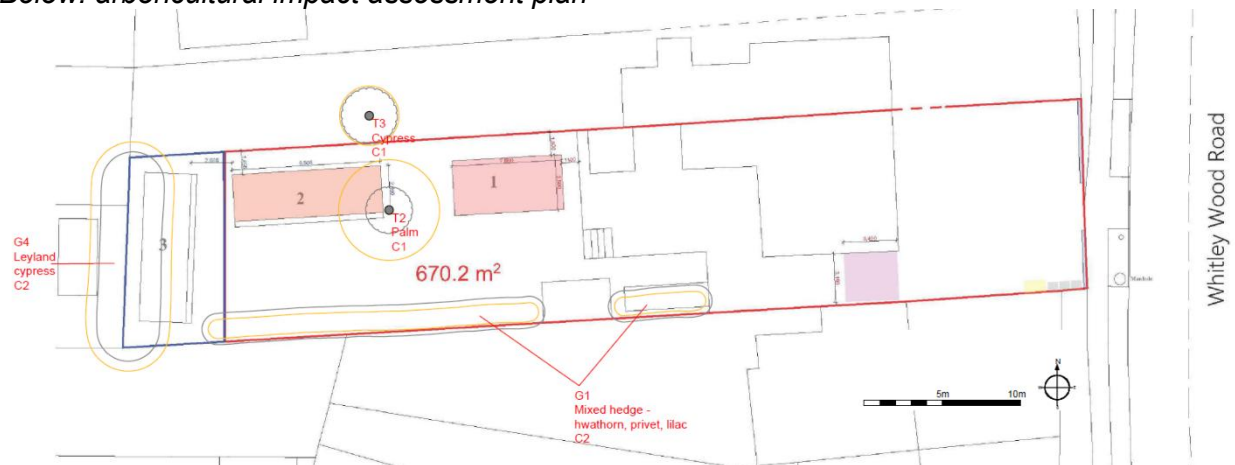
Dear Ms DeFazio,

RE: Trees at 80 Whitley Wood Road

Thank you for your instruction to undertake an assessment of the trees at the above site. You asked me to undertake a visual assessment of the trees within the rear garden to assess any impact caused by the recently installed structures. I duly visited the site on the 28th January 2026 and can now advise as follows.

I surveyed the trees in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – recommendations and the survey details (canopies and root protection areas (RPAs)) can be seen on the plan below which also shows the outline of the new structures.

Below: arboricultural impact assessment plan



As this plan shows, new structure 2 sits within the RPA of T2 and beneath the crown of T2. Structure 3 sits within the RPA of G4 and beneath the crown of G4. None of the other trees shown are affected.

Assessed impact on RPAs:

Whilst the structures are within the RPAs of T2 and G4, I am content that no harm will have occurred to these trees. Firstly, it is clear that soil levels have not been raised or lowered within the RPAs (see photo below) when installing the new structures. Secondly, the buildings were installed using above ground slabs and you supplied photos to evidence this fact.

Below: building 1 sat clearly above existing levels



Below: building 3 installation on an above ground slab



Had I have been involved at the design stage; my two key recommendations would have been 1. to ensure no level alterations and 2. to recommend an above ground foundation design.

Assessed impact on crowns:

There is a slight overhang of the new structures from the crowns of nearby trees. The defining branch structure of these trees is however well clear of the proposed upper building lines. It is clear that no notable pruning of the trees was required to implement the buildings.

It is also of note that all of the trees surveyed have been graded as a C category tree in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 – Table 1, and should therefore not act as a limitation on the

effective use of the site, or impose any constraints on the layout. None of the subject trees is covered by any statutory protection.

In light of the above, I am content that the new structures have not caused any harm to the nearby trees and is suitably positioned in relation to the trees for a future harmonious relationship.

I hope this is of assistance to you, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glen Harding', with a stylized, cursive script.

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