ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Background: LSDP were appointed to prepare an Arboricultural Survey & Report, to satisfy Local Authority requirements in respect to the proposed erection of a detached dwelling on land off Coram Street, Hadleigh. The report is based on survey information collected in October 2023.

The Site: The site comprises a parcel of garden curtilage to the north of Coram Street and bordered to the north by a bund screening the A1071, to the east by arable land and to the south and west by domestic curtilage.

2. TREE SURVEY

Generally: The trees were appraised in accordance with BS5837:2012 and survey details of one individual tree and two groups were recorded; the individual tree is a mature ash of high landscape value (A2 category), but recorded as 'B2' category (moderate landscape value), due to its anticipated remaining contribution being less than 40 years. The other trees are a mix of black poplar growing from suckers in the hedge-line to the east and Austrian pine planted in an informal group to the south of the site; these are of no special arboricultural, landscape, or cultural value and are therefore recorded as 'C' category (low value).

3. ARBORICULTURAL IMPLICATIONS & IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Removal of trees: It is recommended that the poplar closest to the proposed dwelling (part of G1) is removed, because the species is not suited for long term retention in close proximity to a dwelling. The removal of this tree will have no adverse impact on the surroundings.

Encroachment into Root Protection Areas (RPAs): The proposal does not encroach into RPAs and allows space for default tree protection to be implemented in accordance with BS5837: 20012.

Proximity of Dwellings to Tree canopies: The proposed layout allows adequate space around trees indicated for retention, to accommodate future growth and minimise potential issues with shading / perception of hazard in relation to dwellings and amenity space.

4. TREE PROTECTION

Before any machinery or materials are brought onto site and before any demolition, development or stripping of soil commences, The Root Protection Area (RPA) indicated on the drawing shall be set out and Protective Barriers and Ground protection installed as shown on the drawing.

The Protective Barriers and Ground Protection shall not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by an arboriculturist and approval of the local planning authority.

Protective Barriers

Protective Barriers shall be erected to prevent access into designated areas around retained trees. Once installed, all weather notices shall be attached to each barrier with words such as: "Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access". Protective Barriers shall be erected in accordance with BS5837: 2012 Fig 2.

The areas protected by barriers shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- I. Existing soil levels within the protected areas shall not be altered
- II. No excavation of any kind shall take place within the protected areas.
- III. The protected areas shall not be used for storage of any kind
- IV. No vehicles or machinery shall be allowed into the areas protected by barriers
- V. Should the developer require the above restrictions to be breached for unforeseen reasons, an

appropriate method of works must be agreed with the Local Authority prior to any works taking place within the protected areas. TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE Species **General observations** Mature tree in in gravel driveway. Large cavitiy with decay on western side of stem base G1 Poplars Trees planted along hedgeline on east side of site Austrian Pine Conifers on edge of lawn area & Larch

NOTES & ABBREVIATIONS:

Age Class: Y (Young) - Less than 1/3 of life completed, M (Middle Aged) 1/3 - 2/3 of life completed, M (Mature) - more than 2/3 of life completed, OM (Over Mature) - more than 2/3 of life completed and declining, V (Veteran) – Veteran trees have no precise definition but are trees considered to be of biological aesthetic or cultural value because of their age.

Physiology: N - Normal, P - Poor, D - Dying. Given relative to species, age and location.

Structural Condition: G (Good) – No, or remediable physical defects or decay. F (Fair) - Physical defects or decay present, risk of failure of stem or large limbs within twelve months considered to be low. P (Poor) - Physical defects or decay present, risk of failure of stem or large limbs within twelve months considered to be high.

