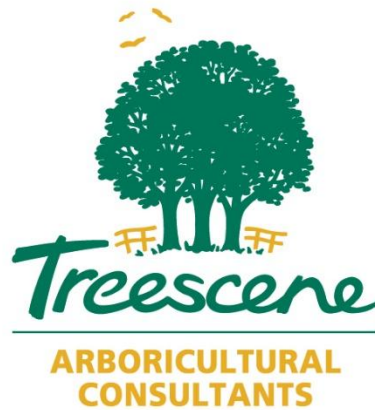




**Arboricultural Impact Assessment
for
Land Adjacent to Six Bells Estate,
Heolgerrig,
Merthyr Tydfil**

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1. BRIEF

I have been instructed by Mr. Nathaniel Raynes of George and Co Ltd to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) in relation to a proposed development at land adjacent to Six Bells Estate, Heolgerrig, Merthyr Tydfil.

2. TREE SURVEY AND PLAN

The information within this document is based on the Treescene Tree Survey dated 07/04/2026 and the Treescene AIA Plan 07/2026.

3. TREES TO BE REMOVED

a. Arboricultural Reasons

Tree T36 is recommended for removal in the Tree Survey due to poor quality (U category).

b. To Facilitate Development

The following trees are proposed for removal to accommodate the development layout:

T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, G9 (part- small section on eastern fringe of group), T11, T13, T16, T17, G35 (part- westernmost tree), G40 and G41.

Tree T16 is an A category tree (good quality).

Trees T2, T3, G9, T11, T17 and G35 are B category (moderate quality).

All other trees proposed for removal to facilitate development are C category (low quality).

Trees to be removed are indicated on the attached Treescene AIA Plan 07/2026.

4. TREE PRUNING

Some of the trees to be retained contain structural defects/deadwood or may impede vehicle/pedestrian movements within the site. Works to improve tree safety or remove a potential source of nuisance are detailed in the Preliminary Management Recommendations within the Tree Survey. All pruning and felling/coppicing works are to be undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced Arboricultural Contractors working to BS3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work.

5. ROOT PROTECTION AREA (RPA) INCURSIONS

There are no conflicts between proposed structures and RPAs of trees to be retained apart from in the following circumstances:

G9- Access drive encroaches onto southern edge of RPA.

The extent of the conflict is minimal (less than 1% of the total RPA impacted upon) and therefore the installation of the drive will have no adverse impact on the health and stability of the adjacent trees.

6. PROTECTION OF RETAINED TREES

All trees to be retained should be protected by fencing in accordance with the details in BS5837:2012. The implementation of the tree protection on site should be in compliance with a site-specific Tree Protection Plan (TPP) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS).

7. IMPACT ON LOCAL AMENITY

Tree loss in direct relation to the development focuses on the removal of several individual trees, mainly in the interior of the site, to create space to install access roads and dwellings. The existing robust tree groups on the boundaries of the site as well as the wooded area in the southern section of the site are retained thus minimising any wider landscape impacts.

It is advised that extensive new tree planting within the site should be considered in order to mitigate any tree loss and contribute to an enhancement of the local tree stock as a result of the development.