Subject: Consultation Response – Ref: AVA/2025/0783 Single storey side extension to create a home gym
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Location- Watersmead The Park Tamworth Street Duffield Belper Derbyshire DE56 4ER

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

Given the presence of protected trees (TPO 43) adjacent to the site, it is essential that a **BS5837:2012 "Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations"** survey is undertaken and submitted as part of the planning application.

This survey is a critical tool in ensuring that trees are properly considered and safeguarded throughout the development process.

A BS5837 survey should include the following key elements:

Tree Survey and Categorisation

Identification and tagging of all relevant trees on or near the site. Assessment of each tree's condition, species, dimensions, and life expectancy. Categorisation of trees (A, B, C, or U) based on their quality and value.

Tree Constraints Plan (TCP)

Mapping of Root Protection Areas (RPAs) to inform design constraints. Identification of above-ground constraints such as canopy spread and shading.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

Evaluation of the potential impacts of the proposed development on retained trees. Identification of any trees proposed for removal and justification for such actions, Assessment of potential conflicts with RPAs and tree canopies.

Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS)

Detailed guidance on how construction activities will be carried out to avoid damage to retained trees. Specification of protective fencing, ground protection, and working methods near RPAs.

Tree Protection Plan (TPP)

A scaled drawing showing the location of protective measures to be implemented during construction.

The BS5837 survey should be prepared by a qualified arboriculturist and must inform the site layout and design from the outset. This ensures that the development is compatible with the long-term retention of high-quality trees and complies with both local and national planning policy regarding tree protection.

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