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There are some significant trees around the site, including to the front, adjacent to the highway. In addition, what will become the rear garden is currently woodland-like, and contains a lot of trees and understorey. The entire site is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

No arboricultural information has been submitted. However, for the purposes of determination of this planning application, we are satisfied that the most significant trees (e.g. the ones to the front) will not require removing to facilitate the development because of the nature of the proposals.

The principle concern with this proposed conversion will be the creation of the rear garden, which will have to involve the removal of some understorey (e.g. hazels) and creation of amenity space (turfing, planting, etc.). This has the potential to impact the trees and the amenity, so we will require information pre-commencement. This can be supplied as part of an arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan.

Therefore, we raise no arboricultural objection, subject to the following condition:

No excavation, demolition or development related works shall take place on site until an arboricultural method statement and a tree protection plan, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), are submitted and approved by the LPA. The approved documents must be adhered to in full, and may only be modified subject to written agreement from the LPA. Reason: to retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

Kind regards,

Chris.