



Arboriculture Addendum – Boundary Fence Clarification (Revised)

Proposed Development:
42 Hurst Road, Hassocks
Application Ref: DM/25/2626

Purpose of Addendum

This addendum has been prepared in response to the Local Planning Authority's request to consider the arboricultural implications of a proposed 2 metre high close-boarded timber fence along the western boundary, as shown on Drawing No. 1684 Rev C.

It also provides context regarding the existing boundary condition, where a fence has historically been present along this boundary.

Existing Boundary Condition

A timber boundary fence has historically run along the western boundary of the site for the full length of the garden. This fence has become dilapidated over time and partially collapsed following the recent clearance of trees and vegetation on the adjoining land, which had previously provided additional lateral support.

The proposed fence therefore represents a replacement and reinstatement of an existing boundary feature, rather than the introduction of a new element in an undeveloped location.

Fence Location and Relationship to Trees

The proposed fence is positioned along the established western boundary line and lies adjacent to areas previously assessed within the submitted Arboricultural Addendum, including in relation to retained trees on site and the neighbouring Ash tree referenced in Section 4 of that report.

The alignment of the fence follows the historic boundary and does not encroach further into Root Protection Areas than the former boundary treatment.

Installation Methodology

The replacement fence will be installed using a tree-sensitive construction methodology, in accordance with BS5837:2012. The precise method will be confirmed on site as appropriate, and may include:



- hand-dug post holes within Root Protection Areas, avoiding severance of significant roots;
- driven posts where ground conditions permit; or
- above-ground fixing systems where required.

No changes in soil levels, compaction, or excavation beyond that permitted by BS5837:2012 will occur within Root Protection Areas.

Impact on Retained and Neighbouring Trees

The reinstatement of the boundary fence will not adversely affect the retained trees on site (including T1 Beech and T5 Oak), nor the neighbouring Ash tree previously assessed. The works do not alter the conclusions of the Arboricultural Addendum and will not result in harm to tree health, stability, or future growth potential.

Conclusion

The proposed 2 metre close-boarded timber fence represents the replacement of an existing boundary feature and does not give rise to any additional arboricultural constraints. Subject to tree-sensitive installation, the proposal remains fully compliant with BS5837:2012 and Policy DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

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