



Tree Officer Report

Officer: David Rees

Date: [15/6/2026]

Application Number: [P2025/0792] - revised Green Infrastructure Statement (additional plans showing access and trees)

Location: Land East Of Minyrawel Pen Yr Alltwen Rhos Pontardawe Neath Port Talbot

Case Officer: Andrea Davies

Tree officer comments

The revised Green Infrastructure Statement is noted although it presents no material changes to the previously assessed arboricultural impacts. The amended plans are limited to minor adjustments to the access arrangement and do not alter the relationship between the proposed development and retained trees.

As such, the concerns and recommendations set out in the previous Tree Officer response (dated 13/01/2026) remain applicable. In particular, the absence of a BS5837:2012-compliant Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Tree Protection Plan, and Arboricultural Method Statement continues to prevent a full assessment of impacts on retained trees.

It is also reiterated that the application seeks approval of the access at outline stage. Given that the access arrangement directly affects the Root Protection Areas of several retained trees, including those of high arboricultural value, this raises ongoing concerns regarding the potential for irreversible harm prior to the submission and approval of detailed arboricultural information.

Accordingly, the requirement for robust pre-commencement conditions, as previously recommended, remains essential to ensure that tree protection measures are secured prior to any works taking place.