

Trees and Development



The recession won't last forever and when the time comes to submit those planning applications you'll want them to go through as quickly and smoothly as possible. Whilst there are many constraints to a site, trees are an ever increasing potential issue with central and local government bodies and are expected to be a material consideration in the planning process.

What are the issues?

- Local Planning Authorities should request a survey and report in accordance with BS5837:2005 Trees in relation to construction Recommendations, for every planning application where trees are on or adjacent to the site.
- Under BS5837, trees are assessed for their worthiness for retention and given root protection areas where construction is not possible or limited in its extent.
- Submitting an application without tree information is likely to receive a request for even more information which will then affect the design submitted, wasting time and money.



What we can offer

- Useful information on the constraints trees will represent to inform your design layout and prevent costly, pre-purchase, decisions.
- Design solutions to maximise the developable space.
- Early dialogue with tree and planning officers to understand the issues.
- Extensive experience dealing with trees on development sites from pre-application through to method statements acceptable to the local planning authority.

For further information please call one of our tree consultants on 01621 740876 or visit www.dfclark.co.uk