

<b>Bassetlaw District Council Tree Officer Consultation</b>	
<b>From:</b> Conrad Daniels	<b>To:</b> Mandy Freeman
<b>Application ref:</b> 18/00342/OUT	<b>Date:</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Proposal:</b> Outline Planning Application with Some Matters Reserved (Approval Being Sought for Layout and Scale) for Residential Development of 10 Dwellings.	
<b>Location:</b> Woodlea 55 Bawtry Road, Blyth, Worksop	
<b>Status of the affected trees (and reference)</b>	N/A
<b>Comments on the application/proposal</b>	<p>I visited this site on the 23/04/18 to assess the impact of the proposal on any trees on or around the site.</p> <p>I read the report prepared by CBE Consulting, BS5837:2012 Tree Survey, Land at Woodlea, Bawtry Road, Blyth. Dated 13/03/18. I agree with the classification of the trees that the surveyor has allocated. There appears to be numerous trees that would need to be removed to enable the development. The majority of these are lower quality due to not having been thinned before approaching maturity. This has resulted in windthrow for some conifers and in general overcrowding has detrimentally affected form. The site plan for the proposal has retained the majority of the better quality trees which will benefit form due to more space and light as they age – provided the tree protection measures are implemented at all stages of construction.</p> <p>The plot is bordered to the north and east by two strips of maturing beech trees. These make an attractive feature in the landscape, visible from Bawtry Rd, A614. These may benefit from selective thinning in the short to medium term. Mention is made of protecting the RPA (Root Protection Area) of these. Due to age and stem diameter, the RPA is less than canopy spread for some of these which could make the proposal possible without being too invasive to the rooting environment – providing adequate protection is in places throughout the construction process. Any subsequent AIA (Arboricultural Impact Assessment) and AMS (Arboricultural Method Statement) should detail the RPA and the layout of protective fencing.</p>
<b>Recommendation/summary of comments made</b>	I have no objections to the proposal at this stage.