

+ Ducker Site

Trees

General

Russell Ball of Arbol Euro Consulting was commissioned to carry out a walk over survey and a copy of his report can be provided.

The Impact of the Proposals

The proposed build suggests that the development is confined to the Ducker Pond footprint. This predominated by early mature goat willow and oak. These trees have very close trunk centres and as such have etiolated crown form and are identified as low grade trees.

They have low public visual amenity as they cannot be readily seen from the Watford Road. There were no trees in this area until the Ducker Pond was infilled in the 1980s.

They are, however, protected by a woodland TPO that covers the site.

Mitigation

A reasonable way to mitigate the tree loss would be to enhance the bio-diversity of the remaining woodland tree stock and extend the woodland with new tree planing within the site and potentially beyond the existing woodland boundary. Both would be acceptable to the owners of the Ducker site, but would depend on agreement from any offsite owners.

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