



Arboricultural Impact Assessment Supporting Letter

in Relation to Proposed 88 Unit
Residential Development at



**Former United Utilities site,
Carr Lane, Prescott,
Merseyside, L34 1AX**

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**ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
SUPPORTING LETTER
FORMER UNITED UTILITIES SITE, CARR LANE, PRESCOT**

PROJECT DETAILS

Project No.: BTC2750

Site: Former United Utilities site, Carr Lane, Prescott, L34 1AX

Client: United Living Group

Council: Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

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Introduction:

United Living Group instructed Bowland Tree Consultancy to prepare this supporting letter to address questions and comments made by the local planning authority (LPA) during the determination period of planning application ref. 23/02677/FUL.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), dated 20th of June 2024 relating to this project BTC2750 outlines information on trees that have been removed as part of the mine shaft investigation works and trees that will be impacted as a result of the development. This document will distil the pertinent information from the AIA and will offer further information on tree numbers requested by the LPA.

Information requests from the LPA:

Number of trees removed or to be removed: Under the AIA, the total number of individual trees suggested for removal to facilitate the development is 9, split into the following categories. Category B:1, Category C: 4, Category U: 4.

Under the AIA, the total number of groups suggested for removal to facilitate the development is 5, split into the following categories. Category C: 4, Category U: 1. It should be noted that G4 (Category C) has one tree suggested for removal to facilitate the development. More information in table 1 below.

Number of trees to be retained: A total number of 3 individual category C trees and 6 groups: split between 1 category B group, 4 category C groups, and 1 category U group are to be retained during this development.

Number of trees to be replanted: The landscape architect was contacted regarding this information and 76 deciduous and 8 coniferous trees will be planted to mitigate the loss of the above trees.

Number of trees within each group: The following table is a list of groups, their categories, the approximate number of trees within each one and the amount of trees to be removed as part of the development. These were calculated using the trees provided on the original topographical survey and site knowledge. With regards to G6, an area of scrubland and self-set trees, a measurement of the area has been provided. The majority of trees in this group are self-set, and in some cases are under 75mm diameter at 1.5m above ground level (*BS 5837:2012*), the minimum size to be considered a tree under British standard guidance. Further fragments of this group are dense with vegetation, obstructing access and an accurate count of trees. This group has a low arboricultural value and its categorisation under the British standard, Category C, should not form a barrier to development (*BS 5837:2012*).

Table 1: Approximate Group Tree Counts and a Count of Trees to be Removed.

Group Identifier	Group Category	Approximate Number of Trees	Number of Trees Being Removed to Facilitate the Development.
G2	C	2	2
G3	U	2	2
G4	C	4	1
G5	C	7	0
G6	C	7692m ²	7692m ²
G7	C	5	5
G8	C	2	2
G10	C	3	0
G11	C	18	0
G11a	C	3	3
G15	U	3	0
W1	B	29	0
Total	9C,1B,2U	78	15

Notes: G1 has already been removed as part of the mine shaft investigation works, G9, G12, G13, and G14 are not located on site and are not considered as part of this development.

References:

1: BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations