

ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

**Proposed development
comprising the provision of six
camping Pods at the Falcon Inn
Whitby Road, Cloughton,
Scarborough**

PRE- APPLICATION

**for
Mr Ray Owen**



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Reason For the Report

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Lawson Harper was asked to assess the condition and long-term viability of the plantation along with its suitability for change of use incorporating chalet type holiday accommodation.

Timing and Extent Survey

A report is based on initial visual and photographic survey was completed on 9th February 2005.

The survey was intended to gauge the scope of any subsequent assessment and management plan which may be needed to secure a long-term future for the site, prior to any consideration of change of use.

The initial assessment was extended to include a detailed Arboricultural assessment completed in January 2010 detailing the location, species, approximate age, spread height and condition of each tree. The report identified any remedial work required and identified those trees which needed to be removed on Arboricultural grounds.

This report was revised in November 2010 following works to remove the stumps and uprooted trees from the 2004 wind damage.

The survey did not include a detailed survey of ground flora. It was noticed that the woodland had experienced significant natural regeneration in the intervening period and that management rather than replanting should be the basis of any restocking

Conclusion

The woodland was planted entirely for commercial use and was designed to be clear felled around the year 2000.

The new exposure to wind damage had resulted in the loss of most of the central portion of the site. Although now stable the plantation is no longer viable for timber production other than by clear felling the remaining perimeter specimens.

This plantation appears to have stabilised between 2005 and 2010 with no further losses to windthrow. The adjacent plantation has been restocked and is growing strongly providing some protection from wind.

Fallen trees and stump have been removed and the site can now be considered safe for the reintroduction introduction of any access, including the proposed chalet development.

Trees identified in this report as requiring removal on Arboricultural grounds should be removed.

The rejuvenation of the woodland be through careful management of the natural recently with some minor introduction of climax species and hardwoods through seeding or targeted planting.

