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Arboricultural Method Statement

Tree and Hedgerow Survey

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report accompanies a planning application for the construction and operation of a new inland waterways marina with associated access road, parking facilities and improved landscaping as well as the ancillary extraction of minerals. The development would be located on land adjacent to Station Road, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire.
- 1.2 There are no trees on the development site. There is a semi mature roadside hedge running along the eastern boundary of the site. The hedge at this location is not continuous, it contains gaps where plants have died back and the hedge has not yet regenerated.
- 1.3 The works associated with the development of the wind turbine include the removal of approximately 12m of roadside hedge.
- 1.4 In terms of statutory tree protection it is understood that there are no Tree Preservation Orders pertaining to the site. The tree and hedgerow survey was undertaken by SBRice Consulting Limited on 23 September 2013. The purpose of the survey was to identify any trees or hedgerows on site and whether the development likely to impact on them.
- 1.5 The framework for the survey and subsequent report is provided by the British Standard 5837 (BS5837) "Trees in relation to Construction – Recommendation". This Standard contains nationwide recommendations for the consideration of existing trees within the development context. The Standard describes an Arboricultural Method Statement as
- *"a methodology for the implementation of any aspect of development that has the potential to result in the loss or damage to a tree".*
- 1.6 The existing field access is not suitable for the development. Chapter 8 of the accompanying ES details the rationale behind the need to construct the new highways access. In brief, the new access is required to create an improved access for larger vehicles required for the construction and ongoing operation of the Marina.

- 1.7 Referring to drawing ref SkinWM ES-Vol 3-6108-01E-Prop Site Plan. This drawing details the 12m of roadside hedge that is to be removed.



- 1.8 The section of hedge can also be seen in the above photograph towards the far end.

1.9 The hedge that is to be removed consists of the following species:

- Hawthorn
- Elder
- Bramble
- Goat Willow

1.10 The construction works on the site will be undertaken in full compliance with BS5837.