

Memorandum

From: **JOHN VERNON.**

To: **SARAH HUMPHERIES.**

Subject: **SITE DEVELOPMENT, 20 COVENTRY ROAD, BURBAGE.**

Your Reference: **08/00450/FUL.** **My reference: UA/BBG/05/08.**

Date: **13 May, 2008**

Having read the Arboricultural impact assessment dealing with the large protected Purple Beech growing on the above proposed development site, I am almost persuaded that the tree could survive the impact of a dwelling being constructed two metres closer to the base of the tree than the distance recommended by British Standard guidelines; the tree being well established and in superb condition. What does concern me is the proposal to install a vehicle parking area directly beneath the canopy of the tree, which together with other paved areas being proposed will reduce the feeding area of this surface rooting species so drastically, that the tree would decline, and may not survive in the long term.

My other concern is that the presence of the tree in its current form might prove too intrusive to the dwelling,, denying light into the building, which could lead to future demands for the tree to be either removed or drastically reduced.

J.V.