

Planning application 13/00575/OUT - Thames Heritage Boat Museum

Applicant's response to the consultation report from Jeremy Davy Principal Ecologist of West Berkshire Council dated 12th April 2013

Please note that this application is for outline permission only, with reserved matters of landscaping, appearance and scale.

1. An extended phase 1 habitat survey can be provided for a full planning application.
2. All Tree species around the site have been identified on the topography map named "Site of Building and Access" provided with the application. These trees and shrubs form an important natural screening boundary, hiding the Beale Park visitor area and its buildings as seen from the river (East) and the lake (north) and also to some extent from the car park. A tree survey will be carried out at a later time providing details required for a full planning application.

The new building will require the removal of some trees and shrubs for the build footprint, so the plan already presented gives a good idea of which trees will have to be removed. It is most important to preserve the present natural looking views across the lake and the river, so we would intend to retain as many existing trees and shrubs as possible and will also introduce additional planting to protect these views. A detailed landscaping scheme will be submitted with the full planning application .

3. The comments made in Mr. Davy's third point are not relevant to this application because no work is planned outside the marked site area.

Brian Smith on behalf of the Museum project team – 21st April 2013