

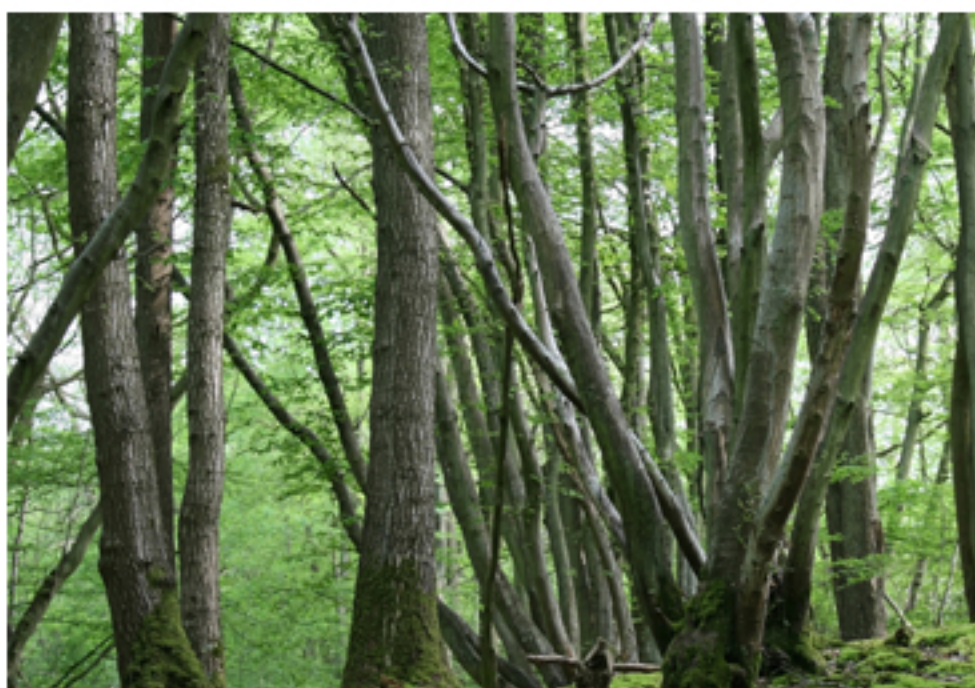
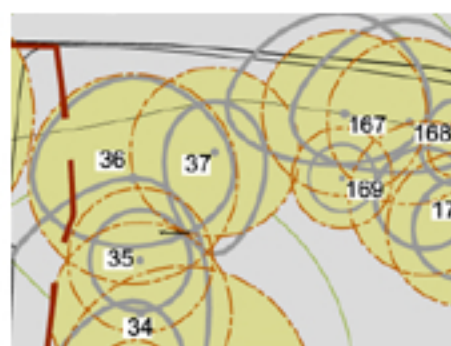
ARBORICULTURE

David Daniell CMLI, Tech Arbor A, a landscape architect and arboriculturalist with over twenty five years' experience, has joined forces with Appleton Group Bristol in order to provide in house tree advice to developers, and owners of gardens and woodlands.

The link with Appleton Group Bristol is a continuation of the close working relationship that the two practices have established over a ten year period. With David providing tree advice to Appleton's landscape architectural work as part of a seamless service.

The key to the service is the awareness that a sound knowledge of trees, their condition and requirements, is crucial at the initial stages of a project to avoid planning delays, and smooth the way to a successful project completion.

As landscape architects and arboriculturalists, Appleton Group Bristol assess the importance of trees for any planning application on development sites, to comply with the requirements of BS 5837 "Trees in Relation to Construction," as now required by Local Planning Authorities. They can also offer Woodland Management Plans to secure grant aid for forestry landowners if eligible.



Services

Development site surveys to BS5837:2012

To support planning applications on sites where there are existing trees. This can clarify at an early stage what the constraints are on development and can influence the layout for the site. Where retained trees are affected, an arboricultural impact assessment can form part of an application for planning permission with a method statement and tree protection plan showing how trees are to be protected retained during the construction process.

Woodland Surveys & Management Plans

Much of the UK's woodland is not managed and is an under-utilised resource. The government is keen to bring more private woodlands into management to provide timber, landscape, wildlife and recreational assets. A woodland management plan is based on a survey that identifies the constraints and opportunities and then sets a woodland strategy with a series of objectives for completion over ten year period. It can open the way for government grants for woodland improvement.

Tree Preservation Orders & Conservation Areas

Advice can be given to assist an applicant who wishes to undertake work on a protected tree, (i.e. a tree with a Tree Preservation Order or a tree within a Conservation Area), to avoid contravening the planning laws.

Assessment of Tree Risks

A tree can pose a risk because of decay or structural weakness such the landowner/occupier can liable for personal injury or other damage it causes by breaking or falling. Periodic inspection of all trees on a property should therefore be undertaken to assess risk from those trees. The frequency of inspections will depend the location of the tree (numbers of people passing nearby) and its condition. Recommendations can then be made to control or eliminate that risk.