

Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and/or
 Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Tree Location

Please provide the address of the site where the tree(s) stands (full address if possible)

Number	<input type="text" value="23"/>	Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line 1	<input type="text" value="Dancers Hill"/>		
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>		
Address Line 3	<input type="text" value="Gloucestershire"/>		
Town/city	<input type="text" value="Gloucester"/>		
Postcode	<input type="text" value="GL4 5TY"/>		
Easting (x)	<input type="text" value="386070"/>	Northing (y)	<input type="text" value="216842"/>

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, describe as clearly as possible where it is

(for example, 'Land to rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road')

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

John

Surname

Green

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

23 Dancers Hill

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Gloucester

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

GL4 5TY

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

Yes

No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

What Are You Applying For?

Based on the type of work proposed and the location and protected status of the trees involved, there are various details and supporting information that will need to be supplied in order for the Local Planning Authority to determine the application.

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a Tree Preservation Order?

- Yes
 No

Do you know the Tree Preservation Order reference number(s)?

- Yes
 No

Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following.

If so, your application MUST be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals ([see guidance notes for further details](#)).

Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall

- Yes
 No

If Yes, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

Alleged damage to property - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives.

- Yes
 No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area?

- Yes
 No

Documents and plans (for any tree)

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works' MUST be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

A sketch plan is also advised when notifying the LPA of works to trees in a conservation area ([see guidance notes](#)).

It would also be helpful if you provided details of any advice given on site by an LPA officer.

Are you providing additional information in support of your application (e.g. an additional schedule of work for the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works')?

- Yes
 No

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application

DH1	Site Plan
DH2	Photographs
DH3	Schedule of work required
DH4	Advice from tree company

Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out

Please see report attached from B.J.UNWIN which shows sketch plan and aerial photograph. Recent storms cause two large branches to break which have now been removed by KAD Total Tree Care. To prevent further breakages KAD recommended that all trees needed to be dead wooded and have the crowns cleaned. This will allow strong winds to blow between the trees and reduce the pressure on the branches. The four roadside trees lean towards our neighbours who are obviously concerned.

You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work.

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the Tree Preservation Order where this is available. You should use the same numbering on your sketch plan (see below for sketch plan requirements).

Please provide the following information:

- Tree species
- The number used on the sketch plan; and
- A description of the proposed works.

Where trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order you must also provide:

- Reasons for the work; and where trees are being felled
- Proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

e.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with one standard ash in same position.

Sketch plan requirements

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore:

- indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should:
 - mark and name surrounding roads
 - sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties
 - add house numbers or names
- mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work and identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s)
- if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by:
 - marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work
 - showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings
 - adding other relevant features on the site (e.g. greenhouse, paths)

If it is impossible to identify the tree(s) accurately on the plan (e.g. because they are part of a woodland or group of trees), please identify their approximate location on the plan and provide details of how the tree(s) are marked on site (e.g. high visibility tape, tree tags, paint, etc); trees must not be marked by scarring or cutting into the bark.

Tree Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?

- Yes
 No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- Yes
- No

Declaration

I / We hereby apply for Tree works: Trees in conservation areas/subject to TPOs as described in this form and accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I / We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine options of the persons giving them. I / We also accept that: Once submitted, this information will be transmitted to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website; our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

John Green

Date

05/04/2022

B. J. UNWIN FORESTRY CONSULTANCY

Principal:

Chartered Forester - Arboricultural Association
Registered Consultant - Fellow of the Arboricultural Association -
Chartered Environmentalist.



John & Lynn Green,
23 Dancer's Hill,
Abbeymead, Gloucester, GL4 5TY.

24th Oct 2017 - BJU/mmi

Dear Mr & Mrs Green,

Pine trees at No 23 Dancer's Hill.

1. Instruction

- 1.1 You live in a recent housing development, and your garden contains mature trees within tree height of your house, the road and other properties.
- 1.2 Therefore, you have asked us to inspect and advise on the trees. We last inspected in 2009.

2. Inspection.

- 2.1 I visited on 10th October, and made an un-accompanied inspection.
- 2.2 The attached aerial photo and sketch plan shows the location of the trees.
- 2.3 The survey was from ground level. It involved visual observation (Visual Tree Assessment: Mattheck and Brelor, 1994 and Lonsdale, 1999). A soft hammer was used to test trees' bases.
- 2.4 The inspection was carried out by Jim Unwin who has forty years' experience working with trees. Professional CV attached.

Notes:

Copyright: This report is copyright of BJUFC, and licensed only to the client, site and purpose(s) named above. It may not be assigned without the author's permission.

Limitation of Report: -The statements made in this Report do not take account of the effects of extremes of climate, vandalism or accident, whether physical, chemical or fire. BJUFC cannot therefore accept any liability in connection with these factors, nor where prescribed work is not carried out in a correct and professional manner in accordance with current good practice. The authority of this Report ceases at any stated time limit within it, or if none stated after two years from the date of the survey or when any site conditions change, or pruning or other works unspecified in the Report are carried out to, or affecting, the Subject Tree(s), whichever is the sooner.

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Landscape Management

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3. Site.

- 3.1 Your plot sits on the western side of a quiet residential road, with another access road to a small close of houses running along your northern boundary. Your side garden is lawn with patio to the rear of the house.
- 3.2 The site is elevated on a low ridge rising to south west, so is slightly exposed to the wind.
- 3.3 The 2013 aerial photo below shows No 23 surrounded by public or private places, well used by local people.



4. The Trees.

- 4.1 The nine Corsican pines in your side garden are part of a larger '7'-shaped shelterbelt of mature trees. Only two or three pines stand to the south.
- 4.2 They form a continuous row on the roadside, and an inner row of only three trees. The third row to the west may have been removed to build houses?
- 4.3 All the trees are slender, with crowns weighted slightly away from adjacent trees. The two largest trees have low forks. All have been crown cleaned and dead-wooded about ten years ago.
- 4.4 Most appear in average condition, and most are not much different to 2009. All are suffering some dead shoots from red-band needle disease or other shoot diseases currently common on Corsican pine in the southern part of Britain.
- 4.5 2017 photo.



4.6 Pine with 52cm dbh, almost dead: fell.



4.7 We also recommend a tree surgeon climbs all the trees, to remove a small dead stem on the 59cm dbh tree. Also remove dead > 20cm on all trees.

4.8 Treework informatives

4.8.1 Disturbance to wildlife.

It is essential to check for nesting birds, bat roosts, badgers and hibernating animals such as hedgehogs under trees, before pruning or removing trees, as negligent disturbance is an offence under the EC Habitat Directive 1992 as amended and strengthened 21st August 2007 to protect European Protected Species (bats are most relevant concerning trees) and CROW Act 2000.

In general, autumn tree work: **September, October and November** is least disruptive to bats and birds. However, with appropriate risk assessment work can proceed at any time.

4.8.2 Permission.

Trees may be protected by a TPO, or lie within a Conservation Area. Either are possible here and should be checked with the local planning authority.

A Felling Licence may be required for felling or thinning > 5 tonnes of wood in any calendar quarter.

As part of a felling licence, European Protected Species must be considered.

Therefore, a contractor must satisfy himself that all necessary permissions are in place before touching trees.

4.8.3 Contractor.

All off-ground tree work should be done by insured tree surgeon with certificates in aerial chainsaw use (new designations:- NPTC 020-04, 0020-05, 0020-07, 0021-01, 0021-07; LANTRA 600/5703/8, 600/5717/8, 600/5715/5, 600/5704/X, 600/5714/2), and working to BS3998:2010, and "*Treework at Height*", the Arboricultural Association's ICoP.

(Stumps can be left to shoot again, ground out, or grubbed out, or poisoned depending on location.)
Thinning work can be done by a competent woodland contractor.

Please feel free to submit this letter to Gloucester City Council tree officer as notification of any work.
Please contact us if you require further information.

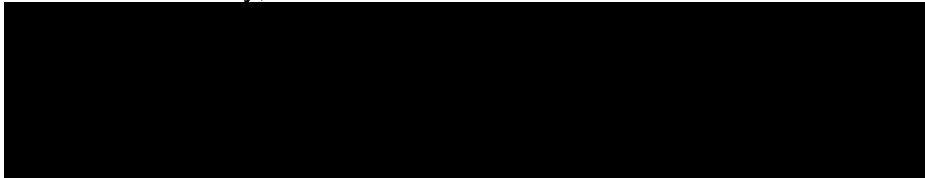
5.0 Re-inspection:-

5.1 We would recommend an arboriculturalist inspection every five years, unless gross changes (e.g. dieback) raised concerns.

This report may be submitted to local council for permission, and to contractor for quote.

Please contact us if you have any queries, or require further assistance.

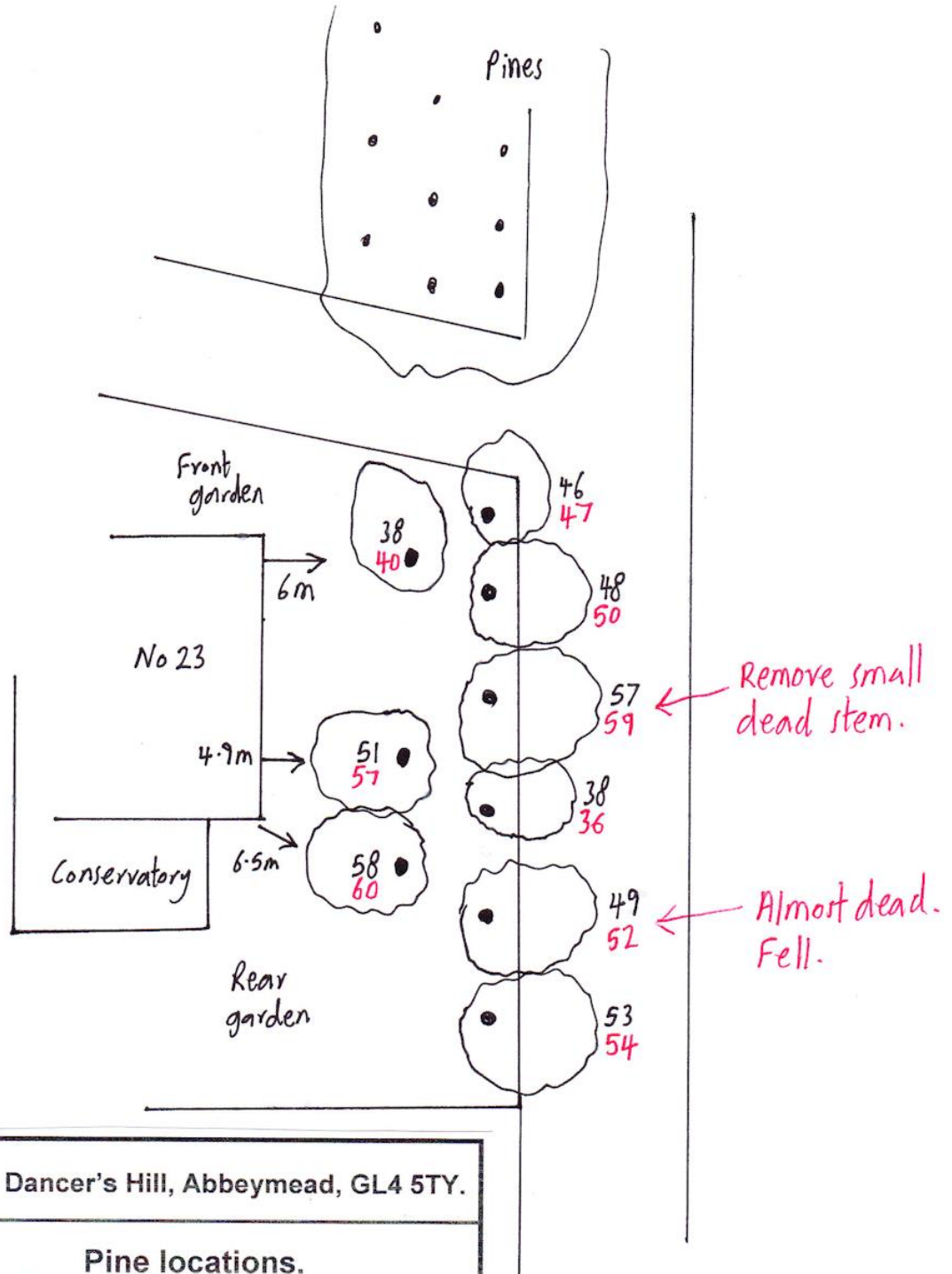
Yours sincerely,



"The Body Language of Trees". Claus Mattheck and Helge Breloer. HMSO 1994.
"Principles of Tree Hazard Assessment and Management". David Lonsdale. HMSO 1999.
BS 3998: 2010 "British Standard Recommendations for Treework".

Attached:

- **Sketch plan.**
- **BJUFC professional CV.**



No 23 Dancer's Hill, Abbeymead, GL4 5TY.

Pine locations.
Number by each tree is stem diameter in cm.

Sketch only
Scale: 1:250 @ A4 (use scale bar)

0 5m 10m

North: ↑

Drawn by: BJU Date: Nov 09

Institute of Chartered Foresters
Registered Consultant

B. J. Unwin Forestry Consultancy,
Parsonage Farm, Longdon.

Arboricultural Association
REGISTERED CONSULTANT

October 2017 update

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Chartered Forester - ICF Registered Consultant - Fellow of the Arboricultural Association -
Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant - Chartered Environmentalist.

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Below are set out **B J Unwin Forestry Consultancy's** competences and experience.

Insurance:-

£5m Public Liability & £2m Professional Indemnity (renewed June).

Personnel:-

B J Unwin (born 1956) started his forestry career as a tree surgeon and landscape contractor in 1975. He studied forestry at Aberdeen University from 1977 to 1981, worked for Unilever as a Forestry Manager in the Solomon Islands from 1981 to 1983. Since then he has been based in Gloucestershire assisting clients to manage their woodland, trees and vegetation throughout Southern Britain, and occasionally in northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In the mid-1980s to mid-1990s for a period of about ten years he taught chainsaw, tree felling and tree surgery courses at Worcestershire Agricultural College on a part-time basis. He was assessed and passed as a LANTRA assessor in these skills, and held NPTC certificates of competence in chainsaw use on the ground and up trees.

He now works as a tree consultant / manager / contract manager to a range of clients listed below.

For tree decay testing we have a **PICUS II ULTRASOUND** tomograph with electronic calipers and **RESISTOGRAPH-R400** drill.

He works with two self-employed arboriculturalists of >20 years' combined experience:-

Jasper Fulford-Dobson Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant - Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters - Professional member of the International Society of Arboriculture - Technicians Certificate (ArborA) 2005, now regarded as NQF "level 4" - Professional Tree Inspection Certificate (LANTRA) 2013,

Owen Hutchison BSc(Hons) Agriculture & Estate Management, Level 4 Diploma Arboriculture, LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection & working with trees since 2008, & arboriculture student **Alex Collier** who in June 2016 achieved Pershore College Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture, completing the course with a Distinction grade (+SC30). In June 2017 she attained Level 4 Arboriculture Foundation Degree year one.

Plus a secretary/ plan technician; calling in extra help as required (eg ecologist or arboricultural assistant). On bigger projects he regularly works as a part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Current BJUFC qualifications are:-

BSc Forestry Hons 1st Class, Aberdeen 1981.

Chartered Forester, 1986.

Fellow of the Arboricultural Association, 1995.

Licensed Subsidence Risk Assessor, 1997-2001 (scheme closed in 2001).

Completed Training in September 2002 to Prepare Native Woodland Plans for CCW and FC in Wales.

Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant, 2004.

LANTRA certificate for Arboriculture and Bats, BJU in 2005.

Examined and approved to submit Welsh WGS as Management Planner and PAWS Assessor, 2006.

Joined Utilities Vendor DataBase, Supplier No: 88101 in Feb 2006 (left 2010).

Training and Certification in basic CAD operation 2006.

Chartered Environmentalist April 2008.

Woodfuel Production and Supply : LANTRA Certificate of Training Dec 2008.
 Training in CAVAT amenity tree asset valuation October 2010.

Company Safety Policy:- We have been successfully assessed by Safety Management Advisory Services (SMAS) as meeting CDM Regs 2015 Core Criteria Stage 1, as a **Worksafe Consultant No. 60951**. Dated 05/09/2017 expiry 05/09/2018.

CITB *Health, Safety & Environment Test for Managers & Professionals* passed 22/01/2015.

First-aid at work June 2013.

Current clients and typical work include:-

English Heritage	Tree safety inspection contract 2007-2013 for East Midlands, East Anglia, London and SE England. Tree safety inspection contract for West of England & Midlands 2013-2019.
Planning Inspectorate (PINS) & Dept for Communities and Local Government. 2000-2017.	Arboricultural Inspecting Officer in South-West England, South East England, West Midlands and East Midlands; advising the First Secretary of State on TPO appeals since 2000. Contract with DCLG expired April 2008 when transferred to PINS. Contract continued with PINS, as Non-Salaried Arboricultural Inspector, determining TPO appeals and High Hedge appeals. All non-salaried inspectors released in 2017.
Architects / Developers / Planning Appeals	Complete Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Protection advice for planning, working with other professionals to input arboriculture into more complex development schemes. Recent assignments in Liverpool to Dorset, Kent, Norfolk & London. All using BS5837:2012. FULL CAD CAPABILITY.
Amey Mouchel Ltd	Overseeing Amey Tree Officer on motorway and trunkroad tree inspections throughout Midlands and Marches to 2012. Amey Mouchel are agents for Highways Agency.
CRH Tarmac Ltd, + Midland Quarry Products + Quarryplan (in Northern Ireland).	Since 1990 working with Estates staff, quarry managers and Landscape / ecological consultancies organising and managing contracts for tree and woodland planting both pre- and post- quarrying. Also preparing landscape restoration schemes for straightforward sites plus landscape management on sites throughout southern England, East Anglia and south and south-west Wales. (Commendations for Land Restoration and Environmental improvements from Spelthorne Borough Council 2003.) Also in England & Northern Ireland ongoing tree consultancy for Quarryplan.
Bruton Knowles	Assisting BK clients with woodland management and other tree issues since 1984.
Tarmac Central now CRH Tarmac Ltd.	Since 1988 woodland management of Hopwas Hays Wood, Tamworth.
Rural estates in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, plus private woodland owners in southern England and Wales.	Since 1983 woodland management, tree management, hedgerow management. Many are Ancient woodlands and SSSI's requiring detailed ecological management plans produced in consultation with ecologists. About forty Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and about twenty Native Woodland Plans prepared to date in England and Wales. On-going EWGS grant applications. Input into Tir Gofal (and its successor) and Stewardship schemes. Better Woods for Wales (BWW) applications.
British Waterways	Ten-year Tree and Vegetation Management Plans along canals and around reservoirs in London, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Birmingham, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Llangollen Canal, etc: plus help in dispute with riparian owners. This work ceased around 2011.
Stroud District Council	Management of 49Ha woodland since 1989 on FC schemes plus grassland on DEFRA Stewardship Schemes, including HLS. Retired Nov07.
One-off clients	Since 1983 assisting tree owners, developers, lawyers etc throughout southern or midland Britain, including Wales, on a wide range of tree-related issues including planning, planning appeals, subsidence, health & safety, disputes, vegetation control, expert witness, valuation of woodlands, standing and felled timber, Christmas trees etc, and tree and landscape planting schemes. Recently High Hedge issues and BS5837 are hot topics.
Malvern Hills District Council. South Oxfordshire District Council	BJU Stand-in part-time Consultant Tree Officer Summer 2003. JF-D stand in Consultant Tree Officer summer 2009 to spring 2010.
Golf course & leisure facilities	Assistance with development of Carden Park golf course in Cheshire. Management advice for trees on other golf courses: Eg Ross Golf Club, Swindon Golf Club .
Farm management	Management of own 95Ha farmland since 1985.

Please do not hesitate to ask for further information. B J Unwin END.