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Afternoon Meg,

Having reassessed the proposed foundations, while I would generally encourage applicants to use a screw pile system when building near trees, in this instance the pad foundation does appear to be workable given the constraints posed by the trees at the site, their current size, and their modest landscape value.

With regard to the location of the proposed outbuilding and the spatial separation between the trees and the structure, I remain of the view that a greater distance between the rear of the building and the two trees would be beneficial, even if this were limited to an additional 1 m rather than the 1.3 m initially suggested. In terms of making the space to the rear of the outbuilding usable, an additional door could likely be incorporated to allow access to this area following construction.

I do not consider a refusal on arboricultural grounds to be justifiable; as such, my recommendation remains advice only.

Best,

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