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Subject: FW: Planning Application APP/21/00601 Land north of Solent Road (adjacent to Bosmere Medical Centre) Havant

Hell David

Following our discussion and the submitted Arboricultural information I offer the following comments:

Site description

The site features an open expanse of grassland, with most of the vegetation concentrated along its edges. A line of trees marks the southern boundary, offering visual screening from Solent Road. On the eastern side, the site is bordered by a mature hedgerow and the Bosmere Medical Centre. To the west, a brick wall separates the area from nearby residential properties. The northern edge is defined by a stream, which acts as a natural divider between the site and a lake with landscaped surroundings, part of the Brockhampton Conservation Area. Trees are mainly situated along the perimeter of the site, representing a variety of species and age groups.

Tree works

To accommodate the proposed office building, car park, access road, and drainage system, six individual trees are highlighted for removal. This includes one high-quality tree (T7, Category A), one of moderate quality (T37, Category B), and five of low quality (T15, T16, T17, T18, and T30, all Category C).

In addition, two tree groups will be removed: one moderate-quality group (G29, Category B) and one of low quality (G8, Category C).

Partial removal is also planned for one tree group (G14) and one hedgerow (H27), both classified as low quality (Category C). Approximately 70% of the southern canopy of G14 will be removed, leaving around two trees in the northern section. For H27, around 30% of the southern canopy will be removed to allow for the construction of the access road and footpath.

Construction activities are proposed within the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of several trees that are to be retained as part of the development. This encroachment has been 'mitigated' within the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), detailed in Section 5.6 of the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA). The measures outlined in the AMS appear to be appropriate and sufficient for managing the potential impacts of these works. It is vital that these measures be strictly adhered to on-site, with regular monitoring by a qualified arboricultural consultant to ensure compliance and address any unforeseen issues.

Recommendation

The tree loss for this site is unacceptable in arboricultural terms, and I raise objection, however if permission is given it must be on balance of planning need, include a comprehensive mitigation planting plan and the Arboricultural condition as follows:

Condition should permission be recommended:

The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out in accordance with the *Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement (Reference SLR Project No.: 402.064821.00002) and British Standard BS5837: 2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations)*.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity value afforded by the trees in question and in accordance with policies CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy (2011) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Best wishes

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