

FYI: Josephine Lacey

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the arboricultural matters surrounding this proposal.

Woodland TPO 1252 protects off-site trees to the east of the property. However, these are distant from the proposed extension. Other off-site trees have been identified as impacted. These are stated to be five ash trees (T1-5) sited on third party land immediately to the south of 108a. These have been recorded as "Category C" trees. These are trees which would not normally pose a significant constraint to development.

The proposed annexe is sited within the root protection areas of T1-5. As such, there is a risk of root loss arising from foundation construction. However, the Arb Report states that piled foundations will be used. This should reduce the impact to retained trees as it would enable significant roots/masses of fibrous roots to be avoided/bridged over.

Paragraph 19.3 of the Arboricultural Method Statement needs amending as it refers to the erection of tree protection barriers; none are planned for this development. Instead, ground protection is being (reasonably) deployed. Please can this paragraph be amended to reflect this. We won't need to be reconsulted on this so long as these words are exchanged.

Taking into account the limited quality and public visibility of these trees, the proposed works are acceptable. Should permission be granted, please impose a condition requiring adherence to the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan.

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