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Subject: Southleigh Park APP/21/01451 | Response to Fire & Rescue Service's comments (Site Trees)
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Dear Arleta

Following the response from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service (dated 26 October 2023 - attached), we would like to provide you with the response from our appointed tree consultant regarding the extract below.

Site Trees

The Ground Layout plan appears to show proposed trees for the site which may encroach on some areas of the road layout. Please ensure that a minimum height clearance of 3.7m is provided for a Fire and Rescue appliance to navigate around the site safely.

All the new tree planting locations have been carefully considered in relation to encroachment over the formal highway where a clearance of 3.7 m is required, and also in parking areas, where a similar clearance may also be necessary.

It is proposed to maintain these clearances through applying the guidance on formative pruning set on in *BS 8545 (2014) Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations* (11.4 selective pruning), and *BS 3998 (2010) Tree work – Recommendations* (7.8 Selective pruning, and 7.9 Pruning for infrastructure).

These technical references confirm that pruning new trees to achieve appropriate clearances is considered as routine management within the BS guidance and will be BS compliant if carried out correctly. New tree maintenance is typically a detail that can be conditioned and enforced by referencing both technical documents.

We hope that this addresses Mr Odin's concerns regarding the proposed site trees.

Kind regards
Harvey

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