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Hi Arleta

Thank you for the consultation regarding Arboricultural Matters and Southleigh Park House.

I must be clear from the outset that this scheme is unsatisfactory in terms of tree loss, replanting and built unit relationships.

The revised AIA and Land Scape Master Plan is not reflective of my discussion when we were last on site with the Applicant's Arboricultural Consultant.

I will highlight my areas of concern:

Tree and proposed buildings relationship - In my opinion a number of proposed units throughout the scheme are in an unsustainable position in relation to the retained trees, and will result in pressure for excessive pruning / removal by future residents.

New tree planting - The opportunity to remove tarmac from the northern aspect of the site and create a woodland walk has not been included; the areas for parking have minimal planting and there is missed opportunity for some decent specimen trees to be included in this aspect of the scheme.

An opportunity for substantial planting around the pond area is not taking place when there is clearly scope for this to be capitalised on.

Replacement planting - Previously trees were agreed for removal due to their low vitality / vigour; there is no replacement for these lost trees shown in the plan.

The overall net tree canopy loss appears not mitigated for with the proposed new planting scheme. It would be interesting to see this undertaken as a study by the Applicant's Arboricultural Consultant.

I will again highlight my lack of support for the vast tree removal taking place on site to facilitate this scheme - arboriculturally there is little to no defence for this.

I understand that this is a site with extant planning permission, and the new scheme is certainly an improvement on previous submissions in terms of Arboricultural Matters.

My concerns would be somewhat alleviated in part if extensive planting (of quality trees that are able to develop into significant specimens) were to take place. This would certainly significantly improve the scheme in terms of canopy cover and sustainability.

The planting I would propose (as previously discussed on site) would be in the form of:

A woodland walk to the north of the site.
Planting around the pond area.

Cell planting of large trees in parking areas.

None of this planting would impact on the number of units proposed for this site.

On a positive, the AIA submitted is professional and fully compliant with BS 5837. The most important aspect will be that an AMS and TPP are conditioned and fully complied with, to include supervision and sign off from both the applicant's Arboricultural Consultant and confirmed by the Council's Tree Officer at key stages; should this scheme be accepted by the LPA.

I'm afraid on Arboricultural grounds I can not support this scheme, and it is for the Council to decide if they are willing to accept the proposal submitted in light that the application has been previously permitted.

Best wishes
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