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Havant Borough Council
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Dear Lesley Wells and Jamie Gargett,

PLANNING APPLICATION APP/21/00189
Brockhampton West, Harts Farm Way, Havant, PO9 1HS
Arboricultural Response Note

Further to the consultation response from the Havant Borough Council arboricultural officer on 6th April 2021, the applicant wishes to clarify a number of points. We note that the arboricultural officer has raised an objection to the outline application noting that:

“The Tree Survey within the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is comprehensive and to a high standard.

There is significant tree loss proposed for this site to facilitate the development proposal, and this loss will have a significant negative impact on the character of the area in terms of the volume of trees that are highlighted for removal.

I object to the application due to the extensive tree loss.”

As you are aware, the site is located within the Brockhampton West Employment Allocation Policy HB2 (BD11) within the Adopted Local Plan. The site is also located within an area of former landfill with varying levels across it, which means that preparing the site for development will inevitably require ground engineering and an enhanced capping layer to create a suitable development platform and make the site viable as

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an employment allocation. As such, the loss of trees within the site would have been assessed by the LPA at the time when the employment allocation was considered within the Local Plan.

The extent of tree and vegetation removal is shown within the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) undertaken by Barton Hyett Associates (February 2021) and the Tree Retention/Removal and Protection Plan (dwg. BHA_1066_02_Rev A). As a former landfill site, many of the trees are generally suppressed in growth due to the vegetation density, bramble encroachment and lack of management.

Whilst extensive areas of trees and vegetation will inevitably require removal within central areas of the site, the more sensitive woodland area adjacent to the Hermitage Stream PROW would be retained (with the exception of the drainage pipeline route). As a result of the site's allocation for employment development, there will inevitably be loss of trees within the site, however the Indicative Landscape Masterplan (Pegasus dwg. P.21-1528_13_Rev A) shows that extensive woodland planting is proposed on the outer bunds to compensate for the tree losses and to provide visual screening of the development.

We trust that this provides further clarification and response to the objection raised by the Council's arboricultural officer on 6th April 2021. Please contact me if you have any further queries regarding this response.

Yours Sincerely,



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