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Subject: APP/19/01101 - Land east of College Road, Campdown

Dear Daphney,

Arboricultural Officer comments:-

Having visited the site I would like clarification on the number of Oaks plotted in the area of trees T40 and T41 (Oaks). There are 4 trees on site but only 2 appear to be plotted. This is of particular importance as the trees are subject to TPO. This will need updating.

Certain trees on the site have now been recorded and listed as veteran trees via the Woodland Trust scheme. In light of this new classification the Council should be in tune with national policy and raise objection to their removal as highlighted within the NPPF.

Standing advice from Natural England and Forestry Commission is that Local Authorities should consider:

- *Conserving and enhancing biodiversity*
- *Reducing the level of impact of the proposed development on ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees*

It also states:

Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees are irreplaceable. Consequently you should not consider proposed compensation measures as part of your assessment of the merits of the development proposal.

The Arboricultural Assessment and Method statement (AAMS), included in the application, makes no reference to the presence of veteran trees within two landscape features of G78 and H81. As a result, the accompanying Tree Protection plan makes no reference to good practice in regard to ancient and veteran trees, or to their protection and on-going management in order to promote longevity as required in the NPPF and Natural England guidance.

While the trees in G78 and H81 are not considered to be suitable to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order they are be considered as an important feature, as stated above.

The majority of rest of the trees are boundary trees which should not be affected by the proposals and are shown to be adequately protected on the Barrell Tree Protection Plan ref. 18072-BT2.

Details of services should be supplied to ensure the trees will not be unduly affected.

A condition should be added to any permission that a detailed method statement and Tree Protection Plan will be required to be submitted prior to commencement.

Kind regards,

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