

LLD1619 / GS
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Daphney Haywood
Havant Borough Council
Public Service Plaza
Civic Centre Road
PO9 2AX



Dear Ms Haywood,

Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology – Arboricultural Consultancy Services
38 New Lane, Havant
Response to Arboricultural Comments

Further to the planning application for the above project being submitted, further information has been requested by Havant Borough Council regarding protection of existing trees. Lizard Landscape Design and Ecology have been asked to provide clarification to the outstanding queries.

Firstly, having consulted Havant Borough Council and the Havant Borough Interactive Map, the trees in question are not covered by any known *Tree Preservation Order*. An adjacent site contains TPO 888 (T1-9 and G1) although trees T1-9 appear to have been removed in the past as the site does not contain trees in this area. Please see the landscaping plans associated with the Change of use application (*ref. APP/10/00221*) at 3 Downley Road which shows no trees adjacent the northern boundary of the site apart from those facing Downley Road itself. A copy of the TPO is also enclosed for your convenience. This TPO is clearly distinct from the location of these poplars and separated by a distance of over 50m.

The trees are large dominant features of the immediate surroundings; however, being already-mature Lombardy poplars their longevity is likely to be limited, particularly should the adjacent redundant gas holder site be redeveloped. A new secure fence has recently been installed along New Lane to protect the gas holder site which has resulted in likely root damage to the larger T25.

The new building footprint encroaches by a further 600mm along the western edge into an area of grassland. Given the size of the building it is likely that the existing foundations extend nearly this far into the grassland already. Please see LLD1619-ARB-DWG-002-03-TRPP which has been updated to show the overlay of the existing building.

The new building shall require a non-standard foundation due to the soil conditions and therefore is unlikely to utilise standard strip footings. Therefore, new encroachment into the RPA of the T25 would be minimal and likely of a 'no-dig' construction. The proposed supervision of the removal of unmade ground within RPAs would allow the foundations to be adjusted should significant rooting be discovered in a particular area.

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The minor loss of soft ground would be more than offset by the replacement of the building immediately adjacent the tree with a permeable access path round the new building. Over time tree roots could extend beneath this permeable surface, providing a significant new area from which trees could gather air, moisture and nutrients. Overall there would be a significant net gain in permeable surfaces within the RPA from the proposals. Please contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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