

Subject: FW: APP/24/00035 Church Orchard arb comments

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Good afternoon Joe,

Comments for APP/24/00035 below. I've also forwarded these to your generic planning email address. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thank you for inviting me to comment.

I viewed the site from the public right of way to the west on 15th May.

According to the HBC 'Where I Live' mapping, there are no TPO's applicable to the site, but all trees of a certain size are protected by the St Peter's Conservation Area.

Although the property is set back from St Peter's Road, there is a network of public rights of way to the west. These allow public views of the site, therefore even rear garden trees may provide some benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. It should be noted that the Conservation Area Appraisal states (paraphrased) that the large number and general disposition of trees here contribute to the rural character of the area, acknowledging that these need not be large specimens of substantial groups.

The proposal is supported by "Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Statement for Proposals". This advises that 15 no. trees require removal to facilitate the development. These are all categorised as C or U. These are not an arboricultural concern as they comprise mostly of dead stems, shrubs (olive, Laburnum, Ligustrum, bay) or small trees with limited public views. Nonetheless, the number of trees/shrubs to be removed is such that it would be reasonable to request replacement planting. Replacement of the poor quality/dead trees, particularly those along the rear/west boundary would be expected to enhance the character of the Conservation Area over time. This would mitigate any short-term harm. A soft landscaping condition could reasonably be imposed to address this. Suggested tree species could include field maple (*Acer campestre*), hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*). Hedging using an informal, native hedgerow mix would also be beneficial. It should be noted though that the garden room sited to the boundary would prevent softening of the boundary in the space it occupies but if it were pushed a couple of metres north-east, tree and/or hedge planting could take place.

The Tree Survey schedule provides immeasurable specifications for the pruning of all trees not marked for removal. "Cut back" is open-ended and unenforceable. It should be noted though that a grant of planning permission provides an exception for pruning (and felling) so far as is necessary to implement the permitted works. This should be interpreted as pruning to provide physical space for the buildings and any necessary building space e.g. for scaffolding. Finalised tree pruning specifications can be submitted via condition.

The proposed extension cuts into the root protection areas of several shrubs i.e. T4 elder and T5 Magnolia. As above, these will also be cut back to provide space for the extension. As these are only large shrubs, this would be acceptable in arboricultural terms.

I have no objection to the proposal on arboricultural grounds. This is subject to the measures specified within the Gifford Tree Services Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Statement for Proposals at 2 Church Orchard St Peters Road Hayling Island PO11 0RT being implemented. In addition to this, please request a detailed specification for tree pruning and soft landscaping details as discussed above.

Kind regards,
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