
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **72 Great Copse Drive**
DATE: Thursday, 29 February 2024
REF: APP/23/01000
YOUR REF:

Dear Case Officer.

1. I have carried out a review of the relevant documents available on the HBC planning portal and provide the following comments. Please note this is as desktop review only, as I have not had instruction for a site visit. In the absence of a site visit I must assume that any submitted descriptions and assessments of the trees and the site to be true, fair, and accurate.
2. I have reviewed the Google Maps, and Streetview images for the site, the latest available being August 2023. There appears to be some conifer trees that would need to be removed to facilitate the build, but no information has been provided to clarify this.
3. The site is adjacent to the ANSW classified woodland 'Great Copse'. The condition of the land adjacent to the property would have been damaged by the original construction, and in my opinion, the proposed replacement will have no further detrimental impact. However, the roots of the oak trees forming the edge of the main body of the woodland would likely extend towards the building and would be at risk of damage due to soil compaction or construction work. To avoid this construction work would need to be prevented for encroaching into the Root Protection Areas of the woodland trees. This can be achieved by positioning protective barriers as described in BS5837:2012.
4. In summary, I have no concern regarding the proposal, but I recommend the following Planning Condition be used to safeguard the trees that are part of the woodland.

'Before any work starts on site, a Tree Protection Plan prepared in accordance with BS3587:2012 must be submitted to the local planning authority for approval. This must then be adhered to by all site personnel and will be enforced by the LPA. This will include the positions and the design of physical protection methods, that will protect trees from the construction process.'

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