
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **Recreation Ground Gauntlett Park, Morelands Primary School**
DATE: Tuesday, 28 May 2024
REF: APP/23/01044
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 any submitted descriptions and assessments of the trees and the site to be true, fair, and accurate.
2. No specific arboricultural information is available on the portal therefore, I assume none has been submitted.
3. The previous arboricultural comment recommended that a NO-DIG construction method be used near, that is within tree Root Protection Areas (RPA), the trees on site. No information has been provided to show that these RPAs have been calculated, or to show that a suitable construction method is to be used. I note that some text has been added to the revised General Arrangement drawing with an area shown as 'Hand digging only, and work supervised by Arboriculturist'. However, this is woefully inadequate in my opinion, and disregards the advice previously offered, and does not specify an appropriate construction method for to use within tree RPAs.
4. I would recommend that a NO-DIG cell web type construction is used for the path within RPAs, or alternatively that the path is routed to be outside of any RPAs. To ensure that this is constructed without damage to retained trees an Arboricultural Method Statement should be prepared by a competent arboriculturist and adhered to throughout the construction.

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