

Application Number: APP/24/00144

Address: Oaklands RC School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterloooville, PO7 7BW

Proposal: Siting of a proposed single-storey modular building.

Case Officer: Joseph Toole

Consultee Details

Name: David Harris, HCC Tree Officer – External Works.

Dear Joseph,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

The applicant provides no supporting arboricultural detail.

From a desktop assessment, I can see from the HBC GiS mapping shows there are no trees protected under tree preservation order near the proposed site of the new modular building.

The drainage strategy indicates that there will be an 18,000-litre capacity cesspool tank and associated pipework and services, to be installed on the northern side of the car park and very close to the nearby maturing oak trees.

To make this application acceptable in arboricultural terms, the cesspool, and all the associated under and overground infrastructure, must be located beyond the root protection areas (rpa's) of these retained trees. Also, all other services for the modular building must be installed/routed beyond the rpa's of the retained trees.

Some small-scale pruning to enable reasonable separation between the new modular building and perimeter fencing from the existing tree canopies seems to be reasonable.

If the cesspool etc cannot be re-located beyond the rpa's, and no supporting arboricultural details are offered by the applicant, then this application would likely be harmful to the nearby trees and shrub groups – and to fully consider the arboricultural implications, I would need to see and approve the following information, please:

1. Arboricultural information in line with "BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to demolition, design and construction", to include:

- Accurate tree survey data.
- Tree constraints plan (TCP) showing how trees have been considered in the design proposal to minimise impact on important trees.
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) including a clear description of all trees lost or pruned for the proposal.
- Tree Protection Plan (TPP) showing how retained trees will be safeguarded through the proposal and construction phase.

Please do come back to me as necessary with any further comments or queries on this case.

Kind regards.

Speak soon.

Dave

Dave Harris
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