
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **36 Summerhill Road, Waterlooville**
DATE: Thursday, 04 April 2024
REF: APP/24/00115
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 the submitted descriptions and assessments of the trees and the site to be true, fair, and accurate.
2. I have seen the submitted tree report Ref: Beechdown B/0482/24 – Feb 24
3. It can be seen from Google Streetview (Aug 23) that there are trees on the site not shown on the tree survey plan. If these are still present, they should be shown on the tree survey plans, but these may have been removed prior to submission.
4. The tree report suggests works to trees protected by TPO, but these are ambiguous and not clearly detailed in the method statement. Reference to work is only in the recommendations contained in the tree survey schedule and discussed in the report. This would not constitute application or consent to work on TPO trees, should the planning application be granted consent.
5. There is no reason given, or obvious, for the work recommended to oak tree T3, and the specification is ambiguous. Works suggested for T2 Western red cedar does not seem unreasonable, but this must be more clearly specified.
6. The submitted Tree Protection Plan has not included dimensions. I understand positions can be set out using survey equipment and co-ordinates, but drawing dimensions are required for checking/enforcing the agreed positions on site.
7. The submitted method statement is written with the advisory verb 'should' so would not be enforceable, therefore not adequate to ensure that retained trees are not adversely impacted by the proposal. This must be written as 'must be' or 'will be' to be acceptable and enforceable.
8. In summary, I have no real concern regarding the proposal, but I recommend the points raised above are addressed so that the method statement can be enforced to prevent unnecessary damage to retained trees.

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