

Subject: RE: APP/22/00357 at 30 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island

Thanks Graham,

As discussed just now over the phone, I've no objection to the trial holes being filled in.

However, I question the methodology and conclusions relating to this in their arboricultural report: Trial pits should be dug carefully by hand and roots left intact. Instead, it appears machinery was used and all roots severed. Were any protection measures put in place to avoid soil compaction or other damage whilst this machinery was onsite?

'No development shall commence, including any demolition or groundworks preparation, until a specification of measures to be undertaken to prevent damage to existing trees on the site throughout implementation of the same...'

The submitted report does not appear to have been produced by a person suitably qualified and experienced in the field of arboriculture and I am unable to support the discharge of Condition 4 at this time. I would recommend the applicant consults with an arboricultural consultant who would be able to advise on suitable protection measures, alternative foundation types for the garage and construction methodology.

Kind regards,

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