
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **Langstone Technology Park**
DATE: Monday, 10 June 2024
REF: APP/24/00274
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. My comments relate to the phase 2 reserved matters application.
3. There is no specific Arboricultural information provided as yet on the HBC portal. This would be needed in accordance with BS5837:2012 to prevent damage to retained trees during construction. Notably for the path to the north, and the wooded area to the east.
4. Mitigation for tree loss is evident on the submitted landscape plans. However, many of the new trees are specified as large nursery stock over 5m tall and with large girth. Whilst using such large stock provides instant impact, establishing trees of this size is not easy. Once removed from the daily intensive care of the nursery, they will require continued maintenance and care if they are to provide amenity value into the future.
5. The planting methods/pit designs have not been shown. It is very important that there is sufficient favourable rooting volume in the soil surrounding the tree pits for the trees to mature. This should be incorporated into the design, and section drawings submitted to show how this will be achieved, whilst providing suitable area for car parking and roads etc.
6. The species selected for tree planting are all cultivars, so will have very close if not identical DNA. In the event of a pest or disease outbreak these will have a lower resilience than a tree population with genetic diversity.
7. I hope you find these comments useful.

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