
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **land at Palk Road, Havant**
DATE: Monday, 04 March 2024
REF: APP/22/01231
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. The submitted Tree Survey plans show the trees on the site to be around the perimeter, making it relatively easy to protect trees from construction damage.
3. There are a number of trees marked for removal to facilitate the development, these are small trees of low quality, and their amenity value would be easily replaced by the new planting proposed on the landscaping plan.
4. However, I do not understand the reasons for trees T4 and T6 being allocated a BS category 'C' (low quality and not a constraint to development), when the survey schedule records no defects and 40+ and 20+ years remaining contributions respectively, and records both as early mature. This would indicate to me that these trees should be considered as category 'B' (a material consideration). These would be very visible from the railway and would provide a visual division or screening.
5. The instructions provided in the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement for working near T4 and T6 are, in my opinion, inadequate to protect them from construction work, and the level of pruning suggested could have a negative impact on the trees' form, and amenity. The instruction to 'work in a sensitive manner' is non-specific and ambiguous and as such will be ineffective.
6. Despite the missed opportunity at the design stage to avoid these trees, the negative impacts could be reduced by moving infrastructure outside of RPA/crown spreads, or by enhancing the specification for unavoidable works within the RPA/crown spreads of T4 and T6.
7. In summary, my only concern regarding the proposal is the avoidable negative impact to trees T4 and T6 due to the reasons above.

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