

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/23/00996

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/23/00996

Address: McCormack House, 56A East Street, Havant, PO9 1BS

Proposal: Change of use from office use (Class E) to education use (Class F1) and associated external alterations to the building and its curtilage, including provision of a multi-use games area (MUGA) and new fencing.

Case Officer: Lesley Wells

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: HCC Arboricultural Consultancy

Comments

I can offer the following comments on the above application and with reference to the arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) reference J64.70 of 17th October 2023:

1. The removal of 4 trees (trees T5, 6, 7 & 8) is proposed: these are all category C trees.

In addition T1 to be felled or dead-wooded: this is categorised as U so is not suitable for retention through the development.

2. The trees are internal to the site, which is screened with multiple other trees from the carpark and nearby roads.

3. There is an incursion into the RPA of some extent, and given the RPAs are plotted as circular and not adjusted for adjacent development this needs to be done carefully.

For this reason, I request that:

4. The methodology that is within the AIA (Para 10 (part) 11, 12,13, 14, is to be put into an Arboricultural Method Statement, which can be in the form of notes on the dimensioned tree protection plan (TPP)

5. The existing car park is to be used as a compound area this is likely to be compacted already, but no measures to reduce or remove the risk of contamination are included in the AIA - these are to be included in the AMS as well please. The AMS and TPP to be conditioned if the proposal is granted consent. Recommend these are issued as part of the contract documents with the contractor signing they have read and understood the precautions and nature of the protection measures.

6. If these precautionary measures are conditioned, then I have no objection to the proposal.

7. No new planting is suggested to mitigate the loss: the site is well treed so this may be acceptable, but if potential does exist to replace some or all of the removed trees, this is recommended and the planting sites to be protected from construction activity.