
TO: HBC Planning Services
FROM: Consultee Hampshire County Council
Arboricultural Consultancy
SUBJECT: **2 Alexandra Ave, Hayling Island**
DATE: Thursday, 04 April 2024
REF: APP/24/00056
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 the following points for you to consider when making your decision.
3. The submitted tree information shows only two trees on the site. However, HBC website aerial view shows more trees within, and adjacent to the site including trees protected by TPO, which have not been considered or included in the survey.
4. It has been proposed that the entire driveway is installed using "No Dig Cellular confinement surface". But no detail has been included to demonstrate that this is feasible in this situation, regarding levels etc. Furthermore, the final top surface has not been specified. This must be permeable.
5. The proposed temporary ground protection mats specified "Trak Mats" are inadequate to prevent soil compaction. Although these are rated to carry machinery of considerable weight, these are designed to aid traction and prevent bogging down. They are NOT suitable for preventing compaction damage to tree rooting environment.
6. The foundation design is an elevated slab with air void below. For this design to avoid detrimental impact to tree rooting environment, air flow must be maintained through the void. The detail section in the tree information shows this void to be blocked by new ground build up. This should be clarified.
7. The broad reference to trenches for services needing to be hand dug, recognises the likely detrimental impact. However, the information provided lacks detail in specification and location that would be sufficient to prevent damage to tree roots. Such damage could lead to future decline in the trees.
8. In summary it is my opinion that the Tree Protection Plan submitted is not sufficient to prevent damage to, or future decline of the trees on the site.

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