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**Subject:** RE: 27A Queens Road - Further information in support of Application APP/21/01110

Hi Selina,

I have now had a chance to read over the additional information and re-visit the site.

While I note that there has already been construction of a swimming pool and associated paving within the area proposed for the garage I don't believe this provides sufficient mitigation to build within the RPA of a veteran Oak tree, which was highlighted by Martin Dobson Associates within their report and which the Council agrees with this classification. There is also the issue with building within the RPA of TPO'd Yew trees which are shown to be within an area of ancient and semi natural woodland on the Natural England Inventory.

The NPPF clearly states that *“development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons”*

Even without these additional constraints I feel the garage will be in such close proximity the Oak and the Yews that I feel it may cause undue damage and pressure to prune these trees in the future even with pile and beam foundations used. The height of the proposed garage will also require pruning of the Yew trees. The site is not level so there will no doubt be level changes required within the RPA of the trees.

I note that the applicant has suggested bringing the garage forward of the Yews but this is still going to be wholly within the RPA of the Oak tree.

For the reasons stated I cannot support this application and continue to object to the proposal.

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