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

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Dear Selina,

Thank you for your message of 4th February 2022 the contents of which are noted.

I would like to offer the following summary points in support of my application.

During my initial enquiry with Havant Borough Council I was informed by the Arboricultural Officer on site that I would need to provide a full Tree Survey with a Tree Protection Plan together with an appropriate foundation design and full method statements so as to provide maximum protection for the trees. A requirement which I fully accepted and endorsed because I also want to make sure the trees are properly protected.

On submitting my request for Planning Pre-Application advice, and our subsequent conversations we discussed the issue of the trees and I said that I would provide a full submission including the Tree Survey report and Tree protection Plan as above.

In preparation for my Planning Application submission I commissioned Martin Dobson Associates - Arboricultural Consultants to conduct and prepare a fully independent:

1. Tree Survey
2. Arboricultural Impact Assessment
3. Arboricultural Method Statement

This set of documents formed part of my application for Planning Permission.

I have attached these documents for information and you will note that the consultant's proposed the use of small bore piles with a suspended slab as the preferred construction design. This minimises soil and root disturbance and risk to the trees, it also mandates very careful delivery at construction phase. Please see method statement for the requirement is to hand dig first section of each pile so as to locate any significant roots and ensure the siting of the piles will not affect the tree root system.

The single purpose of engaging Martin Dobson Associates was to ensure an independent expert approach that provided the best solution for the design and construction methodology so as to protect the trees.

It has always been known by all parties that the proposed garages would be sited within the RPAs of the trees with TPO's, and the proposed foundation design has been specifically developed to acknowledge protection of the trees and the site situation.

Following submission and during the period of review of my Planning Application I submitted further information that came to light in relation to the proposed site area comprising:

1. 1980 Ariel picture of the site area, including the proposed area for the new garages, showing extensive concrete pavings and terraced garden walling, patio and pool areas, a pool house and steps plus a large swimming pool and pathways. After digging a small number of exploratory holes it is clear that these still remain and are under a shallow layer of topsoil.

These earlier constructions have been in place from before 1984.

2. Further pictures of the pool and pool house that were in use up to 2010 when the three houses in our close were constructed and the garden areas landscaped over.

3. Pictures of the trial excavation holes that were dug to show that the previous garden constructions are buried just below the surface of the soil.

4. Pictures of many tons of broken concrete, bricks, steelwork and reinforcing bars, mesh fencing and glass that had been dumped on the rear area from a time before 1984, we have removed this to reduce the implied load on the tree root systems.

We have also taken approved tree pruning actions to help improve the condition of these trees

The purpose of providing this information is to show the exact site conditions right up to the current day and positive action we have taken to help the trees prosper.

The question of the RPAs for the trees appears to be the objection, but with all due respect this area has been developed previously and what is proposed now will not cause any further risk to the trees.

The total area of ground that will need to be carefully excavated to accommodate the 14 proposed small bore piles is just 0.44 square metres.

The RPA for the Oak tree is 734.358 square metres. Therefore, the total disturbed area is 0.059% of the Oak Tree RPA, and with the very careful construction methodology required by the appointed Arboricultural consultant should realise no disturbance or risk to the tree root system.

I understand the Arboricultural Officer has advised that she has nothing further to add, but I would ask that you share this information with her.

Yours sincerely

Martin J Norris