

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/15/01435

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/15/01435

Address: Land South of Bartons Road, Havant

Proposal: Outline application for residential development (175 dwellings) with associated infrastructure.

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On Behalf Of: Arboriculturalist

Comments

The supporting arboricultural evidence is comprehensive and I make the following points:

Minimal tree removal is required to facilitate development as well as a requirement for some tree pruning works to facilitate works.

The trees and hedges proposed for removal are all of low/fair value and grading and some could have been removed for sound arboricultural reasons regardless of any redevelopment proposals. These trees should not be considered a constraint to development for a site of this size.

The land has been the subject of agricultural management and although the trees are open grown, their root structures will have been compromised as ploughing is clearing evident well into the RPAs of the trees as is usual with an crop field. Hence the roots will have adapted to this process over the years - roots are unlikely to be found within the usual top 500mm of soil in this instance. (extensive ploughing over the years will have caused major disruption).

Provided that the methodology prescribed in the AMS & TPP report is strictly adhered to and a pre commencement meeting is conditioned, plus site monitoring exercises are undertaken I would expect the retained trees to survive the development unscathed and to continue to grow on in the future.

I would like to see at full application stage a comprehensive planting programme implemented so as to enhance the site - opportunity on a site of this size for extensive semi mature planting is achievable.

Therefore I have no objections to this scheme in arboricultural terms.

