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Sent: 18 December 2014 13:33
To: bst shared
Subject: FW: APP/14/00863 : Bartons Road Site -ecology - further comments for meridio and web please

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Sent: 18 December 2014 13:31
To: Daphney Haywood
Subject: RE: APP/14/00863 : Bartons Road Site - Arb response

Hi Daphney,

As per our discussion...

Given that the proposals entail the removal of mature oak trees and there is a lack of any buffering to the eastern site boundary (bordering off-site trees) it would be a beneficial gesture (and not an onerous one) to provide a strengthened edge to the SINC woodland to the north. The woodland edge should ideally comprise a naturally-graded edge of dense shrubs (preferably thorny) morphing into trees. This will provide a good degree of protection for the SINC, minimising any informal ingress into this valuable habitat. The addition of a post and wire fence, potentially with pet-proof mesh to the base would seem to be a gesture of good practice also.

Hope this assists?

Kind regards,

Tristan

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Tristan

The attached plans indicates the area currently built on near the northern boundary, and which would be landscaped to provide mitigation- see below for response from agent re request for buffer on eastern boundary – they do not consider it necessary. Is the mitigation provided to the northern boundary, whilst fairly limited, sufficient?

thanks

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Daphney

In regard to the proposed demolition within the 15m buffer, here is an electronic version of the plan we presented to Members at the site visit (minus red dots!) which may assist.

Kind regards

Jeremy Heppell
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From: jeremy.heppell
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Dear Daphney

In regard to the updated arboricultural comments, we are pleased that Jamie Gargett supports our replanting proposals. We are content with his suggestion of a London Plane for the feature tree. Please note that Silver Cell construction is not proposed in either our Arboricultural Impact Assessment or Landscape Strategy Plan.

In regard to ecological mitigation measures on the northern and eastern boundaries, WYG's ecologist has provided this commentary following their conversation with Tristan Norton earlier this week.

- *A 15m buffer has been incorporated in the buffer along the northern boundary. Currently part of the habitat along the northern boundary comprises buildings and hardstanding (within the north east corner) therefore the creation of the grassland buffer within this area will provide an overall enhancement to the site*
- *Along the eastern boundary no bats were recorded during the three bat activity surveys. Whilst there were access restrictions along this boundary surveys did extend to this area and hence it is not considered justified to incorporate a grassland buffer*
- *The trees lie over the eastern boundary and as such there is no access to the trunks of the tree for future residents to manage the trees and as such this is not considered to be a risk for the future management to these trees.*

There is significant tree planting proposed as part of the scheme, to mitigate for the loss of the protected trees. Overall we are confident that there is no need for additional mitigation along the eastern boundary, and that bats will continue to use the corridor of trees alongside the eastern boundary for foraging. It is difficult to see what a 2m buffer would achieve (other than provide substandard gardens for a number of proposed properties).

In regard to offsite highway works, we are still in discussion with EHDC regarding highways contributions, so I would suggest your Members leave this issue for East Hampshire to determine.

I hope this information is sufficient for you to update your Members.

I will come back to you with my thoughts on the proposed heads of terms and planning conditions.

Kind regards

Jeremy Heppell

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Jeremy

PI see Arb response below –for some reason it was not on the web site, but should be in the next few days.

Regarding the specimen tree this should be (8-10m) and Jamie is recommending a London Plane rather than the oak proposed.

Can you please confirm this is acceptable and also do that the other trees on the front will be semi-mature specimen trees (8-10m - Silver Cell construction).

I have just spoken to Tristan who I understand has been contacted by Lindens Ecology consultant – As well as some mitigation on the eastern boundary the consultant needs to spell out the mitigation works on the northern boundary where the buildings will be remove. I can then send this to Tristan and it may enable him to amend his comments.

Can I have this for Wednesday am please?

Best regards

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From: Jamie Gargett
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Sound Arb response I'd say!

On 15 Dec 2014, at 16:26, Daphney Haywood <Daphney.Haywood@havant.gov.uk> wrote:

1. Four mature Oaks are identified for removal.

(i) One (T4) is located towards the front of the site and individually identifiable from Bartons Road. This is a former/lapse pollard and a significant tree graded at BS:5837 Cat B. Barrell have categorised as C Class.

(ii) Three trees (T7, 8, 10) are set back into the site and are very large spreading specimens that I would estimate at circa 200 years old, heading towards veteran status. All three Oaks are BS:5837 Cat A. Although not identifiable individually from the main road these trees contribute well to the character of the area and produce a positive landscape feature backdrop. Barrell have categorised as B Class.

2. I can not support the removal of these trees on arboricultural grounds and strongly object to their proposed felling as part of this scheme.

3. With regards to the proposed mitigation scheme put forward by Barrel - The following has been tabled:

- Large semi-mature specimen tree (8-10m) species to be agreed, to be planted within a central green on the proposed scheme.
- Four large semi-mature specimen trees (8-10m - Silver Cell construction) to be planted to the front of the site adjacent to Bartons Road.

The mitigation planting appears to be sound and well thought out in principle, I would support this scheme rather than an option to 'cram' smaller less significant trees (of greater number) onto the site.

4. Should the scheme (in any form) be permitted there must be a robust TPP conditioned to protect the surrounding trees on the site.

5. In conclusion there are no justifiable arboricultural reasons to remove the Oaks and in my professional opinion they should be considered constraints for development.

Thanks

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