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Date:
23 December 2010.

Dear Mr Greenwood,

Re: Development at Southbrook, Langstone Road, Havant.

Thank you for arranging for me to receive a copy of the most recent proposal for development at Southbrook. I have examined the proposals and there appear to be two issues involving trees.

1. **Vehicular Access to Southbrook from Langstone Road.**
   Moving the access north will necessitate removal of the early mature Horse chestnut (T24). This is a diseased specimen as previously reported (AAIS letter report and Schedule dated 23 December 2009). Bleeding canker which is affecting this tree does not have a reliable treatment and as such it appears only a matter of time before the disease extends and the tree dies.

   Removal of this tree, which has a limited useful life expectancy, at the present time does not appear unreasonable particularly if a new tree of a significant size is planted as a replacement. I suggest the optimum position for such a tree would be in the existing accessed rive, after amelioration of the ground to make it suitable for tree root activity.

   From the protection of trees it should be feasible to move the block south. The Root Protection Area radii would be:-

T27 Sweet chestnut	5.2m
T30 Oak	5.5m
T31 Oak	5.5m

   Provided these distances can be accommodated there is no reason why the block should not be moved south 2 or 3 metres if that would avoid the need for the access to be moved.

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2. **Provision of car parking adjacent to the Copper beech T19.**
   The car parking provision will clearly be difficult to achieve if the Root Protection Area (RPA) of the Copper beech T19 is maintained undisturbed. However, provided there is no excavation within the RPA the health and stability of the tree should not be threatened. To achieve this a no-dig construction for the car parking bays would be needed. However, in practical terms the western end of the row of parking bays would be sensibly made using the no-dig construction.

   A no-dig construction will require lifting the finished level of the parking bays by about 200mm. This lift will have to be carried to the drive.

There will also be need for an Arboriculture Method Statement to show how the trees will be protected and accommodated in the proposed development. This could be a condition of any detailed planning permission.

I trust these comments will assist, but if you need further information or comments please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,



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Copy to Mr and Mrs Avens