

APP/25/00335 - Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above planning app.

Norse has arranged for the removal of four Ash trees that were identified as requiring removal on health and safety grounds within the Growing Places App. It is important to note that this work was necessary irrespective of the App's identification and would have needed to be carried out regardless for H&S.

In relation to the proposed tree works outlined in the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), further consultation is required with Craig from the Estates team. Specifically, discussions will need to take place regarding the schedule of proposed tree works and clarification on who will be responsible for carrying them out. While I will not be involved in the practical delivery of these works, it is essential that Craig, as the land manager, gives formal consent before any operations can proceed (to include correspondence with Sonja as the Norse contract manager).

Regarding the proposed Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) itself, I have no objections from an arboricultural perspective. However, should permission be granted for the works, I would request that the following planning condition be included please:

The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out in accordance with the *Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement (Reference ArbTec for Growing Places August 2025) and British Standard BS5837: 2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations)*.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity value afforded by the trees in question and in accordance with policies CS16 and DM8 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy (2011) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Best wishes

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