

Hi Henrietta, all well thanks and hope you are to.

The proposals necessitate the removal of two moderate-quality trees. A small number of lower-category trees are located in proximity to the proposed works and may be subject to a limited risk of incidental impact; however, this can be satisfactorily addressed through the implementation of standard tree protection measures in accordance with best practice.

The scheme includes comprehensive replacement and additional tree planting, which is welcomed. Subject to the use of suitable species and stock sizes, and the provision of appropriate planting specifications and aftercare, the proposed planting will, over time, deliver a net increase in tree canopy cover across the site. As the new trees establish and reach maturity, their cumulative canopy spread is anticipated to exceed that of the trees to be removed, thereby securing a measurable canopy gain.

On balance, and subject to the recommended tree protection and planting conditions, the proposals are considered arboriculturally acceptable – if permitted please add the following condition:

The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out in accordance with the submitted *Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement*) 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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