Outlook

APP/26/00576 - Arb Comments

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Hello Rob

I have reviewed the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan.

The proposal requires the removal of T1 (Cherry Laurel), T2 (Ash) and G13 (mixed shrubs) to facilitate the development. The principal arboricultural consideration is the loss of T2 Ash, which has been categorised as a Category B2 tree. However, the survey notes that the tree is in only fair physiological condition and is considered likely to be lost to Ash Dieback in the foreseeable future.

Having undertaken a site inspection, I concur that T2 Ash is not a particularly high-quality specimen and does not make a significant contribution commensurate with the retention normally expected of a Category B tree. Whilst visible locally, its form and condition are unremarkable, and its long-term retention value is limited.

The development has been designed to retain the more significant surrounding trees, notably T9 Yew (Category B1) together with the adjacent Yews, Monterey Cypress and Goat Willow. The report demonstrates that where incursions into RPAs occur, construction will utilise non-invasive foundation solutions together with no-dig surfacing and protective fencing in accordance with BS5837 principles.

Although the report generally accords with BS5837:2012, it should be noted that the proposed supervision schedule contains no mandatory arboricultural monitoring visits. Given the proposed development within Root Protection Areas and the reliance on specialised construction techniques, I would recommend that an arboricultural supervision and monitoring condition is attached to any permission granted.

No objection.

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). To include a precomencement site visit and two further site visits by the project Arboriculturist
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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