

Tree Officer's Consultation

Previous comments:

Arboricultural Documents

Arboricultural report reference AS/WB/0819

Comments

As with the previous application (F/19/86454), the site can be effectively split into two parts: the car park and the green space. There aren't any significant trees within the car park, but there are a number of trees in the green space. Whilst it is acknowledged that the trees are not prominent, the area as a whole does provide public visual amenity, especially the western part, closest to the car park.

As previously stated, we were uncomfortable with the amount of tree loss, despite the categorisation of the trees. This is not to say that individual trees should be retained where it is inappropriate, but whilst Cat C trees may not be a constraint to development, they will still require suitable replacements, and we are not convinced that there is enough room on site to fully mitigate for the level of tree loss proposed.

Therefore, the removals in the proposed number and the lack of potential planting space would result in a net loss of trees/canopy cover and a negative effect on visual amenity to the local area. There are obviously ecological and landscape implications as well, but I will defer to the appropriate consultee to address those areas.

Therefore, we currently raise an arboricultural objection to proposals.

The revised plans show an additional 4 extra trees. Ultimately, I think this is as much as we can get out of the site assuming the number of dwellings proposed is to remain constant.

Assuming the Landscape Officer is content with the species provided and their location, we are more comfortable with the overall canopy cover proposed.

Therefore, we remove our objection, subject to the following conditions:

The development must accord with the arboricultural report reference AS/WB/0819. Reason - To retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

No excavation, demolition or development related works shall take place on site until an arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), are submitted and approved by the LPA. The approved documents must be adhered to in full, and may only be modified subject to written agreement from the LPA. Reason: to retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

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