

As previously highlighted, whilst we acknowledge that some hardstanding exists, the proposed garage area is significantly larger, and comes within a couple of metres of tree stems – well within the root protection areas. In order to achieve a 3 bay car port, as per the plan, they would have to excavate the slope to the rear of the existing hardstanding, which would be significant from a RPA perspective, not to mention potentially negligent regarding the structural condition of the trees and the presence of a main road.

The supplied report does not take into account the requirement for excavation and installation of hard standing. In fact, it clearly states in paragraphs 4.6.1 and 4.8.1 that “no new hard surfaces are proposed” and “no changes are to be made to ground levels within or around the carport”, respectively.

Therefore we raise an arboricultural objection. The proposal is contrary to policy DM1 and the guidance contained within the Trees and Development SPD.