

Harrison, Liz

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Subject: F/23/96629 - Land at Fieldfare Road, adjacent to the roundabout with Winchester Road

Hi Liz,

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Arboricultural Documents

- Arboricultural report reference PRI24389aia_ams Rev A; and
- Tree protection plan refence PRI24389-03A.

Comments

The site is largely tree free, being an empty area adjacent to the entrance to a large-scale residential development. However there are several trees of significance on the northern boundary and, despite the majority of the site being tree-free, these trees dominate and are of critical importance to amenity, ecosystem service provision and ecology. The trees are highly visible from the public realm and dominate the landscape of this area. Further, whilst there is no set definition, it is arguable that they contain some veteran features, and are at 'pre-veteran', given the size of the stems, prevalence of deadwood habitat and physical attributes.

We feel that the site layout results in multiple pressures on these trees and, while we acknowledge that some of the pressures could be mitigated (e.g. through special engineering), the default should be avoidance in the first instance. Given the veteran potential of the trees, we feel that avoidance is critical, and would prefer to see a precautionary approach to these trees. We feel that there is ample room within the site to avoid the pressures and, therefore, as the proposal stands we raise an objection to the proposal based on the proposal being contrary to policy DM1 and guidance set out in the Trees and Development SPD.

Kind regards,

Chris.

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