

F/24/97312 - Land adjoining 4 Brookfield, Providence Hill, Bursledon

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Dear Rebecca,

Arboricultural Documents

Arboricultural report, reference: PRI24477aia_ams

Tree protection plan, reference: PRI24477-03

Comments

As previously stated at pre-app (and with regards to other applications), there are some significant issues on this highly constrained site.

The access is probably the most significant issue. The access is in the same location as previous applications, sandwiched between T50 and T51, and to which we have consistently maintained an objection to. It is interesting to note that these two trees were assigned 'A' category in the previous application (same arboricultural consultancy), but in this application they have both been downgraded to a 'B' category, without obvious justification.

Regardless of the categorisation, no evidence has been provided to demonstrate that it is achievable to bridge over the RPAs to create an access, whilst marrying the levels. The information supplied simply suggests a method that may be used, without demonstrating it can be used in this instance (*i.e.* site specifically).

There are also unknowns regarding services. While decisions on service runs can, in some circumstances, be deferred to post-determination, the tree line constrains the site regarding services in and out. Obviously, boring is a theoretical option, but details will need to be considered.

Finally, the proposed site plan doesn't exactly match the tree protection plan. Whilst superficially a minor issue, there is a path around the lower car park, which encroaches into the RPA of the veteran tree, and continues to encroach the RPA of the line of trees to the north. This isn't shown or discussed in the arboricultural information. At the very least, this proposal makes the tree protection fencing unworkable.

As it stands, we are yet to be convinced that the proposal can be implemented with the level of claimed impact. For the reasons stated above, we raise an arboricultural objection to the proposals.

Kind regards,

Chris.