

H/24/96887 - 17B HAZEL CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD

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Dear Alex,

We note that since the last consultation, the plans have been amended and the rear extension now extends approximately 1.5m further into the rear garden.

We have studied the updated arboricultural information and, for the most part, it is satisfactory. However, we have doubts regarding the use of pile and beam in the corner because of existing topography and internal floor levels – we do not think the beams could be elevated above existing ground levels to avoid excavation in the RPAs. Certainly it has not been demonstrated that it can be achieved.

Ultimately, this is a small encroachment, and we would prefer to see some supervision of excavation in this area, rather than the use of special engineering. Therefore, we would request an updated and specific method statement that details how and when supervision will be carried out, and detailed methods of reporting. To that end, we maintain our support, subject to the following conditions:

Notwithstanding the information submitted to date, no excavation, demolition or development related works shall take place on site until a detailed arboricultural method statement, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), to include information on supervision of activities within the RPAs, is submitted and approved by the LPA. The approved document 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.