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Dear Mr Narramore

Re: F/24/97943 - ROPLEY, BOTLEY ROAD, WEST END - REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING

Following planning application reference F/24/97943, which seeks to construct two detached dwellings at Ropley, Botley Road, West End comments have been received from Eastleigh Borough Council's Tree Officer. The Tree Officer objects to the submitted application as replacement tree planting proposals to mitigate for the loss of trees identified for removal have not been submitted in support of this application.

The Tree Officer has directed that Eastleigh Borough Council's Trees and Development Supplementary Planning Document is used as guidance to support the development of a replacement tree planting plan and specification for the site.

The Tree Replacement Policy is detailed at Appendix 1 of the SPD. This includes a table which sets out the number of trees that are required to be planted dependent on the removed trees' stem diameter. This table applies to trees that have been categorised as A or B using BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations'. Where a tree has been assigned category C a 1:1 replacement policy applies.

All replacement trees are required to have a 14-16cm girth.

The arboricultural impact assessment, method statement and tree protection plan reference 11040-AIA-Ropley, Botley Road and 11040-D-AIA, respectively, prepared by Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants and submitted in support of this application, identifies that the following trees require removal to facilitate implementation of the proposed development:



Tree No.	BS5837 - Category	Stem Diameter (mm)	No. of replacement trees
G001	C2	650	5
T002	C2	160	1
T003	C2	150	1
T004	C2	740	1
T005	C2	540	1
T006	C2	200	1
T007	C2	180	1
T011	C2	380	1
T012	C2	230	1
T013	B2	290	2
T014	C2	220	1
T015	C2	270	1
T016	C2	220	1
T017	C2	360	1
T018	C2	200	1
T019	C2	180	1
T022	C2	340	1
T023	C2	200	1
		Total	23

It should be noted that T010 also requires removal to facilitate development. This tree is category U and does not appear to be included in Appendix 1 of the SPD.

The required number of replacement trees to comply with the SPD is 23 and these are illustrated on the landscape plan. The replacement tree planting plan and specification mitigates for those removed to facilitate development and will, as they mature, positively contribute to the character of the area.

Yours sincerely



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