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Dear Liz,

Arboricultural Information

- Impact assessment reference 2249-KC-XX-YTREE-TreeSurvey-and-ImpactAssessment-Rev A
- Tree protection plan reference 2249-KC-XX-YTREE-TPP01 Rev C
- Additional information reference 2249- Adjacent Oak Cottage, Boorley Green Technical Note 001

Comments

Following the submission of the additional information regarding the root protection areas and the substation location, we are now in a position to remove our objection. We broadly concur with the information submitted to date. However, there is a requirement for site-specific methodology to be submitted prior to commencement. This should detail post determination matters, such as services, supervision and reporting, and details of engineering within RPAs (e.g. substation). Further, given the minor changes made in early 2025, there is a need to update some elements of the tree protection plan so that it is workable on site.

Therefore, we raise no arboricultural objection to the proposal, subject to the following conditions:

The development must accord with the arboricultural report reference 2249-KC-XX-YTREE-TreeSurvey-and-ImpactAssessment-RevA and additional information reference 2249-Adjacent Oak Cottage, Boorley Green Technical Note 001. Reason: To retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

Notwithstanding the information submitted to date, no development related works shall take place on site until a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement and updated Tree Protection Plan, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), are submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The approved Method Statement shall be adhered to in full in accordance with the approved plans and may only be modified subject to written agreement from the Local Planning Authority. Reason: To retain and protect the existing trees which form an important part of the amenity of the locality.

No excavation, demolition or development related works shall commence until the tree protection measures have been installed as per the approved tree protection plan. Once installed, no access by vehicles or placement of goods, chemicals, fuels, soil or other materials shall take place within the protected area unless otherwise stated in the approved arboricultural method statement. Tree protection measures shall be retained in their approved form for the duration of the work 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.

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The site is largely tree free, but there are significant trees to the north, adjacent to the footpath. There are also some important features, such as the hedgerows and the tree line adjacent to the highway. These trees form important linear features, provide high amenity value and contribute to the rural nature of the site. As with previous applications on this site, we are not concerned with the tree loss in the centre of the site.

Because of the close proximity of the turning head and the substation compound to the calculated RPAs of G15, we are not satisfied that the approximately 10 significant oak trees to the north, adjacent to the footpath, have been grouped together. While this approach is not uncommon in less sensitive locations, it has resulted in the reduction of the RPAs to some of the more significant specimens within the group because of the nature of averaging stem diameters. As an example, the previous application's arboricultural survey calculated that the tree to the immediate north of the substation has an RPA of approximately 11 metres radius, whereas G15 has an averaged RPA radii of 7.8 metres.

As it stands, therefore, we are not in a position to be able to assess the impact of the significant tree line from the proposal. We raise a holding objection based on lack of information. The applicant has not demonstrated that the proposal can be implemented without harm to the trees to the north. The proposal is, therefore, contrary to policy DM1 and the Trees and Development SPD.