

F/25/98941 - McDonald's Restaurant, Tollbar Way, Hedge End

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Hi Rachael,

We have no arboricultural objection to the installation of the charging stations – the area is existing car parking and is not close to any significant trees.

Our only concern is around the routing of the necessary cables to the substation. We have seen extracts of a plan showing the cable run in close proximity to some significant trees that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). We acknowledge that this proposed run is within existing hard standing and that the applicant will take precautions in this area, but we feel that it would be prudent for this to be formalised in a document, probably a tree protection plan is most appropriate. This plan does not have to be too onerous, but should indicate that the grassed area around the tree is designated as a Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ), protected by appropriate barriers. This will stop accidental impacts on the Root Protection Area (RPA) that are not “developed” with existing hard standing.

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

No excavation, demolition or development related works shall take place on site until a scaled and referenced tree protection plan, as per British Standard 5837:2012 (Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations), is submitted and approved by the LPA. The approved tree protection plan 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.