

F/24/98678 - Land East of Chickenhall Lane

28/07/2025

Dear Rebecca

Arboricultural Documents: Arboricultural Method Statement reference JFA0340 V3

Whilst we do not endorse pre-emptive felling, we have very little legal recourse regarding the matter in this instance. The applicant has subsequently provided their justification for the removals and whether we accept their position is irrelevant for this application going forward.

Ultimately, we are satisfied with the arboricultural information provided from James Fuller Arboriculture and consider that the information supplied suitably demonstrates that the remaining trees can be retained and protected.

If you are minded to approve the application, please condition the following:

The development must accord with the arboricultural method statement reference JFA0340 V3. No excavation, demolition or development related works shall commence until the tree protection measures have been installed as per the tree protection plan contained within the report. Once installed, no access by vehicles or placement of goods, chemicals, fuels, soil or other materials shall take place within the protected area. 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.

06/02/2025

Dear Rebecca,

Arboricultural Documents: Arboricultural Method Statement reference JFA0340 V2

The principle arboricultural feature of the site (and extending beyond the red-line boundary) is the mature tree line that sits on the periphery of the site to the west of the Barton River.

It appears that this tree-line was more significant prior to submission of this application, with evidence that a significant group of polar trees has been removed. It appears that these trees were significant in the landscape and provided high levels of amenity, but would have been problematic for the proposed layout. We disapprove of this approach, where no justification has been provided. Further, pre-emptive site clearance has ramifications for Biodiversity Net Gain calculations.

Please can we request some clarity from the applicant regarding these removed trees?