

F/25/100141 - Land south east of Kings Copse Avenue, Hedge End

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Dear Rebecca,

The centre, and vast majority, of the site is tree-free. The significant arboricultural features exist around the periphery.

In bringing this proposal to application, a lot of work has been done in considering trees and the avoidance of impact. For the most part, the proposals have been pulled inwards from previous schemes and now present a reduced impact on the significant trees. However, there are several elements that should be noted:

- Removal of several trees in the north west of the site to accommodate the pedestrian links, in particular two small oak trees (T156 and T157), is not ideal, but tolerable given the wider context and replacements. It is suitably justified in paragraph 1.19 of the arboricultural impact assessment. Further, the arboricultural team has retained T158, which is more significant, and are attempting to work around it.
- The access from Kings Copse Avenue has been chosen to minimise arboricultural impact, which is positive. The proposals are able to retain the majority of the trees along the site along Kings Copse Avenue.
- The SuDS features to the south and east of the site have been carefully designed and, while there is arboricultural impact, a balance has been struck between construction methodology and impact. We are broadly satisfied with the proposals in this regard and accept the justification provided regarding site constraints.

The only area that we are cautious about is regarding the Cut and Fill plan (reference KCA AKSW XX XX DR C 9110 P04) and its compatibility with the proposed Construction Exclusion Zones (behind the tree protection fencing). We assume that the cut and fill bands between minus 0.5 to 0 and 0 to plus 0.5 metres are indicative and could of course be 0 (no cut or fill), but given the entire site, including Root Protection Areas is banded, we would just question it and ask for clarification.

Kind regards,

Chris