

From: Bernie Harverson [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 19:51
To: 'Slingo, Bradley'
Cc: Richard Martin; Joe Russell-Wells; 'Kennett, Darren'; 'Mail'; 'Stephen Dale'; 'Annelies Earley'; 'Mark Welby'; Lucy Harding
Subject: RE: T30 Willow : Hook Lane, Westergate - AL/39/13

Many thanks Brad.

Lucy – I can now confirm that I am prepared to sign off the Protective Fencing Condition on this project.

Best regards,

Bernie Harverson
(Acting Tree Officer –ArunDC)

From: Slingo, Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Bernie Harverson [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Richard Martin' [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: T30 Willow : Hook Lane, Westergate - AL/39/13

Hi Bernie,

Please find attached photos of the tree protection fencing by the Oakdene house. This has now been fixed using steel/timber posts as opposed to rubber footings/blocks. Please also find attached photos of the repaired fencing to the large fallen oak tree in the south eastern corner of the site.

Please can you confirm this is acceptable for discharge of condition?

Thanks & Kind Regards,

Brad Slingo

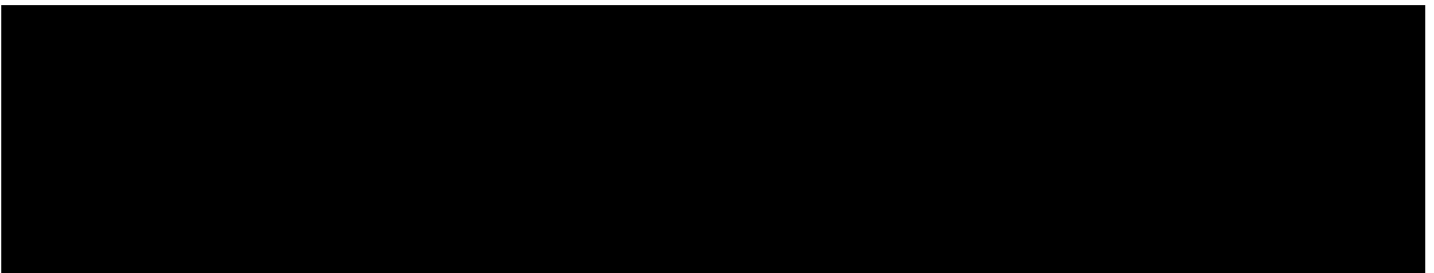


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Hi Mark,

I called out to site last week as promised and found that the protective fencing that has been erected is 'fit for purpose' and has largely been erected as shown on your plans.

However, at the end closest to the existing house the HERAS panels are in rubber blocks – which is fine but they are supposed to be secured in place with pegs driven through the back of the blocks so that the demolition guys do not access this area when demolishing the house – can you get this addressed for me please as I would like to get this matter signed off and Condition 6 approved for the Planners asap?

I also noted that two of the panels have been lowered that shut off the Oaks but assume that this was done by you when you visited site to deal with the nettles? Can this be re-secured as well please?

Could someone send me photo's to verify that this has been done please and then I can sign it off – otherwise I will have to re-visit the site again myself.

As regards the collapsed Willow – even if it is TPO'd it has failed and fallen so can be dealt with under the exemption clause and I am happy for your team to undertake this work.

Hope this helps and answers your queries on this project?
Regards,
Bernie Harverson
Arboricultural Consultant (and Acting Tree Officer for Arun DC)

From: Mark Welby [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Bernie Harverson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: T30 Willow : Hook Lane, Westergate

Thanks Bernie,

FYI. In the corner where the willow T30 is I supervised some nettle removal yesterday. It was a prelim investigation for an old field drainage pipe that provide to be fruitless. It is supposed to run right under T30! I think a fence panel may still be down where we accessed the area. This will be replaced forthwith.

Kind regards,

Mark

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On 3 May 2017, at 21:00, Bernie Harverson [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks for the heads up on this one Mark -- as it happens I am due to drop by the site tomorrow to check on the protective fencing measures so will take a look then.

Regards,
Bernie

From: Mark Welby [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Bernie Harverson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: T30 Willow : Hook Lane, Westergate

Bernie,

Thanks for getting back to me on the no-dig issue. Turns out, if we can get a warranty, the cellweb may still be a goer. Which would be easier to install.

However, on another matter, the willow T30 (plan attached- bottom right corner) is a collapsed boundary tree (probably off-site) and needs to be removed/tidied up. I am pretty sure the Barratt don't need LPA consent for this but wanted to raise it with you nonetheless. I have attached a photo and upon scrutiny am sure it is in third-party ownership. So, common law provides the facility to cut back to the boundary and this is what I have advised Barratt. Just letting you know really so when your phone rings you are forewarned.

Kind regards,

Mark

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On 2 May 2017, at 12:46, Bernie Harverson [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thanks for making contact on this matter and I can see that efforts are being made to try to comply with the Condition.

I note that you do not intend to come up with a piled solution and that your engineers on this project would prefer to go with a series of concrete ridges at roughly 5m intervals and to a depth of roughly 1.2m with a reinforced above ground concrete slab covering this. I have seen similar drawings before on several Hampshire CC based projects where they would not adopt a CellWeb solution. As to West Sussex CC adoption policy I have no knowledge of this and would defer to Richard Martin or Joe Russell-Wells in Greenspace who have between them vast experience and knowledge of such work in Arun.

In principal I have no major issue with the design being worked up but there are a few matters that will need to be incorporated into the design if it is to be acceptable :-

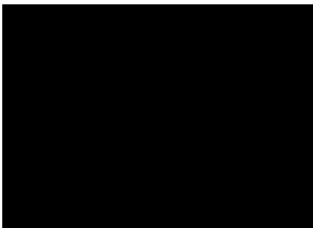
1. Can you confirm that you are able to excavate to 1.2m depth safely with an air spade and hand digging and keep to a minimal width footprint of 800mm width?
2. I have concerns that this will be a totally impervious layer of concrete slab covering a significant part of the Oak tree RPA's and air and water cannot penetrate to the roots below the road – can you look at this for me and see if the design can be modified to perhaps allow an air gap below the slab perhaps with vents and also have the ability for surface water to drain down through from the surface to the soil beneath the slab?

I shall look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Best regards,

Bernie Harverson

Arboricultural Consultant (Acting Tree Officer for Arun DC)



From: Mark Welby [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 10:02 AM
To: Bernie Harverson [REDACTED]
Cc: Richard Martin <Richard.Martin@arun.gov.uk>; Joe Russell-Wells <Joe.Russell-Wells@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: No-dig construction: Hook Lane, Westergate

Hi Bernie,

My client and design team/engineers are getting themselves in a knot over the no-dig access road, so thought it best to drop you a line so we can at least agree an approach.

As per your previous comments, a no-dig cell web type surface was going to be used. But, as this surface is to be adopted, we are mindful that West Sussex highways dept. may not accept cell web for adoption (any experience you may have with WS and no-dig would be helpful). Therefore we are looking to proceed with a concrete bridge type design. However, condition 24 asks for specific details relating to piling (and more). Our design will not use piles, but air spade/hand excavated concrete supports (see the draft attached). Therefore, to address the condition (24), I propose to outline it all in a revised AIA/TPP for your approval.

Can you cast your eye over this when you have five and let me know your thoughts please? We are anxious to get this nailed down so the process can move on!

Kind regards,

Mark

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On 9 Mar 2017, at 10:32, Bernie Harverson

Mark,

Many thanks for the additional information on this tree (T1 Oak) and from the photo's and the Resistograph readings I can see the justification for removing this tree at the earliest opportunity under the exemption clause in view of the fact that it presents an unacceptable risk to the public – thus your 5 day notice is accepted.

It will be interesting to see this tree in cross section to see how accurate the Resistograph readings are.

Best wishes,

Bernie Harverson (Acting Tree Officer Arun DC)

From: Mark Welby

Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 12:50 PM

To: parks@arun.gov.uk

Subject: 5 Days notice of TPO tree removal: Hook Lane, Westergate

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as notice that oak tree T1 of TPO-AL-1-14 will be removed within 5 working days (after midday on the 15th). Tree is located within the front garden of 'Oakdene'. I have attached a copy of the latest arboricultural report submitted with the reserved matters application for the main development site on this site and draw your attention to the appended decay detection results which clearly show a significant reduction in sound wood at the base of the tree (see attached photos of the fungal fruiting bodies). Therefore, given the tree's location immediately adjacent to the highway, this tree is now considered a high risk of failure and thus the risk of harm is now unacceptable.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Regards,

Mark

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