

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Simon Davies

PLANNING APPLICATION: AL/45/14/PL

ADDRESS: Land rear of Swan Court, Pine Close, Westergate, PO20 3AE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Erection of 3No. Detached dwellings (Plots 1-3 and car port serving plot 4) (Part alternative to AL/69/10 and AL/89/10)

INSPECTION DATE: 01/09/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

- This site is situated in Westergate (off the A29). From the site visit it is clear that this is a continuation of the development that has already taken place locally. The site has small groups of trees near the boundaries, which clearly predate most of the
- The submitted Arboricultural Development Statement correctly addresses the need for a detailed survey and constraints, justification for retention and removal plan, and also a tree protection plan for the trees that are being retained (as outlined by the BS 5837:2005).
- As stated in section 7.2, "*Summary of arboricultural implications – Tree 7 is advised for removal..... due to the presence of Inonotus hispidus*". This fungus is a white rot fungus, meaning this rot is a type in which both lignin and cellulose are attacked. This does mean that the integrity of this mature specimen cannot be guaranteed in the long term, and failure could occur with few outward indications.
- With this development there is a requirement to work within the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) of trees 1-6. The arboricultural report has correctly identified the appropriate methods for the protective measures that would be used for differing machine (weight). At the time of the arboricultural report was submitted the developer there had been no confirmation of what type of vehicles would be omitted into these areas. This will have to be confirmed prior to the works beging and the correct protective measures implemented.

Planning Conditions:

- I would like to approve this application on a conditional basis. The applicant needs to confirm the following before the process can begin:
 1. Specifying the ground protection that will be used for protection in the CEZ for trees 1 - 6. This **protection must reflect the machinery that will be used on site.**
 2. Implementation of all **protective fencing/membranes at correct distances, and then converted to a static state** for the development process.

Recommendation:

- I would agree with the decision to remove T-7, due to the nature of the pathogen that is present, and the type of and the increased potential of major failures occurring. I also agree with section 24.4 which states “*the loss of one tree will not have a detrimental effect on the local visual amenity...*”, as this individual is situated in a reasonably well stocked wider group. Also the nature of the pathogen *I. hispidus* does mean brittle fracturing in major components of the tree structure become more prone to failure without warning.
- Once these planning conditions **have been met on site, and have been inspected, by Arun district council, I would be happy to sign off** on this development process.

Dafydd Lloyd
Arun District Council
Tree Officer