

Planning Officer: Mr A Wood

Planning Application Ref: A/132/19/DOC

Location: Merry England Nursery, Dappers Lane, Angmering, BN16 4EN

Description of works: Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under ref A/91/18/PL relating to Condition Nos 4 - surface water drainage, 6 - flows to watercourses, 7 - SuDs system, maintenance of any watercourse, 11 - Construction Management Plan, 12 - road safety audit, 14 - ecological, **17 - tree protection** and 21 contamination

Comments on Application:

Condition 17

Prior to any demolition or construction works taking place or the introduction of machinery and plant to the site the following issues must be resolved to the complete satisfaction of Arun District Council:-

· A pre-commencement Site Meeting is to take place between the Arun DC Tree Officer and the Arboricultural Consultant representing the site owners - at this meeting all protective fencing will be inspected along with ground protection measures - they will be assessed to verify that they are 'Fit for Purpose' as required under British Standard 5837:2012 and have been erected and positioned exactly as shown on the Tree Protection Plan PJC/3928/16/C Rev 01 02/06/2016 1:500 @ A3.

· A schedule of Site Monitoring/Supervision visits and Reporting Procedures prepared by an Arboricultural Expert will be required and their extent will be agreed on at the site meeting to the satisfaction of the Arun DC Tree Officer.

· If there is deemed to be a need for any Utility Service Route connections to bisect retained tree Root Protection Areas/Zones then prior to their installation a Method Statement prepared by an Arboricultural Expert must be submitted that stipulates how this can be achieved without adverse impact on tree roots. Written approval and confirmation of acceptance of this Methodology must be issued before any works are commenced out on site.

Reason: *To comply with BS5837 and to ensure that retained trees are afforded due respect and appropriate levels of protection such that their ongoing health and vitality is not compromised, and they can continue to enhance the landscape and amenity of the area. It is considered necessary for this to be a pre-commencement condition to ensure that the trees on site are not irreversibly harmed in accordance with the NPPF.*

- I have visited site on several occasions with a view to discharging Condition 17. My initial visit occurred on 11th October 2019, with site manager and project arboriculturist in attendance. The bulk of protective fencing was installed correctly and at the appropriate locations, with only a few minor but necessary refinements to take place.
- We walked all areas of the site where tree protection was to be installed, as per the latest **Tree Protection Plan** submitted with this application, from **The Urban Forest Consultancy: Dwg. ref. DTPP, dated 11/09/2019.**
- The above plan correctly shows the position of G1 hornbeam; a substantial revision of earlier illustrations that allowed for their retention. Layout approved at Reserved Matters cannot accommodate those trees. This conflict has been addressed by application A/160/19/NMA.

Conclusions:

- The few minor anomalies I observed at the time of my initial inspection have been resolved to my satisfaction.

Recommendations:

- **I recommend we now discharge condition 17** under this application reference.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team