

Planning Officer: Mr A Wood

Planning Application Ref: A/171/19/PL

Location: Rustington Golf Centre Driving Range Golfers Lane Angmering BN16 4NB

Description of works: Alterations to fencing

Comments on Application:

- The applicants have employed Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement (AIA/MS) along with a Tree Protection Plan (TPP) for this project.
- The Tree Survey data is comprehensive and accords with the requirements of BS5837:2012. I am in agreement with the retention category ratings for those trees.
- This development proposal seeks to retain and preserve all existing trees of note. Only facilitation pruning of a relatively minor extent is required with no significant alteration to the verdant character of this facility or loss of amenity arising.

Conclusions:

- The principle of development as described is certainly achievable without undue detriment to retained trees, and the AIA/MS and TPP provided by the project arboriculturist both describe and illustrate an effective plan to meet that end.
- To ensure the plan is effective, the project arboriculturist must be invited to attend and prepare a brief report of their observations (with photographic evidence) at the stated critical monitoring points (see TPP); so that an auditable trail of supervision exists which can be made available to the local planning authority on request.

Recommendations:

- I recommend the above scheme for **APPROVAL**, subject to the following conditions being applied:
 1. Before any machinery associated with the scheme is introduced to the site or demolition work or construction work occurs a **PRE-COMMENCEMENT Site Meeting** is to take place between the Planning Authority's Tree Officer and the Arboricultural Expert or Site Manager representing the site owner(s) – at this meeting ground protection measures will be inspected to verify they are 'Fit for Purpose' as required under British Standard 5837:2012 and have been installed and positioned exactly as shown on the **Tree Protection Plan, TS & AIA Dwg. no. 7921-D-AIA, 22/01/2020**.

Reasons: 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.

2. All activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with: - **Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan Report, Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants, Proj. No 7921, 22/01/2020**.

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3. All tree work operations must meet the requirements of BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations:

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interest of continued health and vitality of trees and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team