

Planning Officer: Anita Gardner

Planning Application Ref: A/77/17/DOC (2) Site Meeting on 27th July with David Hawtin & Hugh Parker

(3) Site Meeting on 3rd August with David Hawtin & Hugh Parker

(4) Site Meeting on 21st September with Bob Sturgeon (Site Manager)

Location: Land north of **Roundstone By-Pass, Angmering (formerly Haskins GC)**

Description of works: Arboricultural Conditions applied by the Planning Inspector on approving the scheme at APPEAL – applicant seeks to discharge same.

Applicants Reasons To allow demolition works to proceed on site

Comments:

- This part of the site is currently being used as gardens to existing dwellings and some hard standing currently exists in places.
- I have assessed this on the basis that the **PJC Consultancy Trees Survey; Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan** were acceptable to the Planning Inspector at Appeal and these showed the locations where the protective fencing was to be erected and to what standard and quality of materials were to be used in this process – namely **Figure 2 of BS5837:2012**.
- 27th July - As agreed I arranged to meet out on site today with David Hawtin & Hugh Parker (who represent Caffyns). I was provided with full access to the internal parts of the site and we reviewed the tree protection measures which they have out in place. Sadly they have not quite got it right in accordance with their own submitted and agreed Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan. I have asked them to make the necessary adjustments before I can sign off on the Condition. I agreed with them that I would revisit the site on Thursday 3rd to re-inspect the works.
- 3rd August - As agreed I arranged to meet out on site today with David Hawtin & Hugh Parker (who represent Caffyns). The works that I had requested to extend protection in places and apply back stays and road pins to secure fencing into the ground have all been satisfactorily completed.
- 21st Sept -- As agreed I arranged to meet out on site today with Bob Sturgeon the Site Manager. Demolition work have been completed and they are now working on the footings for the main build. The reason for the meeting was to inspect the protective fencing where it has at my recommendation been extended through the boundary hedging.

Conclusions:

- I could not gain full access to the sites at the time of my inspection but could see enough of the fencing from gaps in the boundary fencing to ascertain the location and quality of same – in addition to which the applicants have helpfully disclosed a set of photographs of the fencing in place across the frontage which confirms my opinions.
- The fencing panels are fine as they are of HERAS galvanised mesh construction BUT they have been footed into rubber blocks which are not rigid and can easily be moved about by the building contractors and thus are not 'Fit For Purpose'.
- **I am currently unable to sign off on the Conditions** relating to tree protection because the fencing is '**Not Fit for Purpose**' as required by **BS5837: 2012** and as stipulated by the Planning Inspector that they are to comply with the **PJC AMS report which clearly defines the standard as that of Figure 2 in BS5837**.

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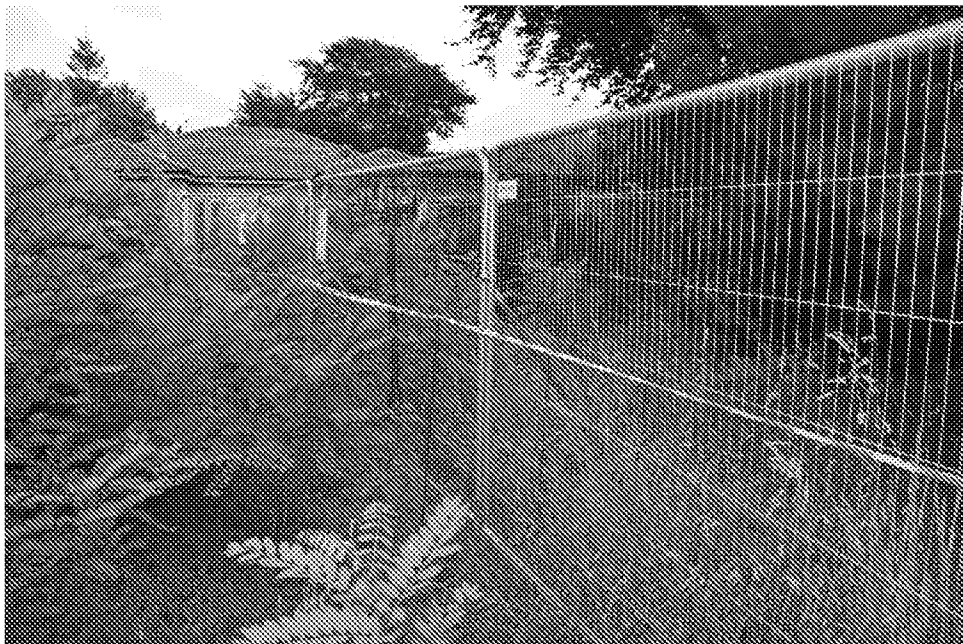
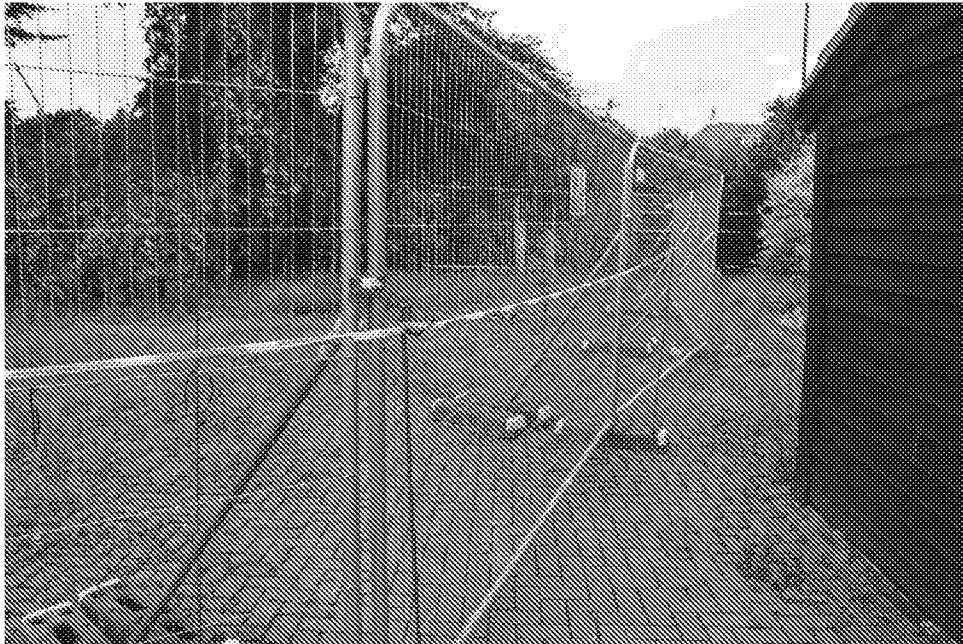
- I suggest that the applicant reviews this situation and amends the protective fencing to comply with the PJC plan and to the same specifications as are shown in Figure 2 of BS5837 and then contacts Arun DC planning to arrange a site meeting with the Tree Officer when hopefully the fencing can be fully inspected and this Condition can be signed off.
- As of 3rd August I am now satisfied with the Tree Protection measures which have been applied to satisfy the Demolition phase of works on this project - deeming them 'Fit For Purpose'. However, there will be a need to revise and upgrade the protection measures prior to the Construction phase being commenced out on site and they have promised to advise me when this can be inspected as it involves removal of hedges and dense vegetation in order to

close off the fencing. I attach some site photographs taken on 3rd August to illustrate the tree protection that is in place.

- 21st Sept -- The protective fencing has been satisfactorily amended around the end Poplar/Macrocarpa and also around the centre Purple Beech tree but the end Purple Beech has yet to have its fencing amended to pull it out by 2m to the west side -- the Site Manager agreed to undertake this work the same day. On this basis I am now happy to sign off on this project and allow them to carry out the construction phase of works. I attach some photographs taken on the day.

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ALL of the above were taken on 3rd August

All of the following photo's were taken on 21st September





Fencing needs to be extended as shown by the white lines