

Planning Officer: Michael Eastham

Planning Application Ref: BE/102/17/OUT

Location: Salt Box Field – land off Rowan Way, Bersted

Description of works: Hybrid application for some Outline and some FULL planning items.

Comments On Application:

- The applicants have employed **Aspect Arboriculture** who have prepared an **Arboricultural Impact Assessment with Tree Constraints Plan & Tree Protection Plan** in support of the development proposals.
- I am happy that this accurately assesses the tree content in line with BS5837: 2012 recommendations and is a fair assessment of same.
- The Tree Protection Plan shows adequate protection for the trees which are to be retained.
- The removals and retentions suggested are acceptable to me.

Conclusions:

- The Arboricultural information submitted is adequate and meets the requirements of BS5837.

Recommendations:

- There are no arboricultural grounds for refusal of this proposed development.
 - I would wish to see the following conditions applied to an approval.
1. All demolition & construction works are to be carried out in strict accordance with :- **Aspect Arboriculture Arboricultural Impact Assessment Ref: 9600_AIA.001- Aug 17 and Tree Protection Plan ref: Aspect Arboriculture 9600 TPP 01 (1/3) Aug 17.**
 2. 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 :-
 3. 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 ref: Aspect Arboriculture 9600 TPP 01 (1/3) Aug 17.**
 - A schedule of Site Monitoring/Supervision visits and Reporting Procedures prepared by an Arboricultural Expert may 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.

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.

Bernie Harverson

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