

## CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's arboriculturist)

Date of report: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Reference:** BE/49/26/DOC

**Proposal:** Approval of details reserved by condition under BE/13/24/S73 (amended by BE/77/25/NMA) relating to conditions 9- Contamination, 12- Noise Assessment, 16- Lighting Scheme, 26- Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement, 28- Reptile Mitigation, 31- Biodiversity Enhancement Measures, 33- Fire Hydrant/Stored Water Supply, 35- Broadband Provision and 36- Employment and Skills Plan.

**Location:** Chalcroft Nurseries, Chalcraft Lane, Bersted, PO21 5TS

**Case Officer:** Simon Brooksbank

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*Condition 26 - Prior to commencement of development hereby approved, the following documents must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority: an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) to include a 'Tree Survey Schedule', a 'Root Protection Area (RPA) Schedule' and a 'Tree Constraints Plan', and an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) to include a Tree Protection Plan. The Tree Protection Plan shall comply with the recommendations of BS5837:2012. Prior to commencement of development, a buffer strip (of 5m) with protective fencing around the existing hedging must be installed and maintained in situ for the duration of the construction works.*

The applicants have employed Ramsay & Co. Landscape Architecture to prepare an Arboriculture Impact Assessment & Method Statement, which is inclusive of a Tree Schedule and importantly a Tree Protection Plan, for this project.

### **Conclusions:**

The arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan (Appendix 5), if strictly adhered to, will ensure adequate protection of all trees recorded in the tree survey schedule, throughout development.

I draw attention to the following two items to ensure clarity around the specification of tree protection fencing and awareness of a Tree Preservation Order not mentioned in the arboricultural submission:

1. It is expected that tree protection fencing will be of the default specification as described and illustrated at figure 2 of BS5837:2012, i.e. welded mesh panels securely fixed to a vertical and horizontal scaffold framework.
2. T8 Oak is a subject of TPO/BE/1/21

The latter part of the condition demands protective fencing around existing hedging, but none is shown on the tree protection plan.

No existing hedging is recorded or proposed as mitigation, in the report from Ecology Partnership during their biodiversity net gain assessment. I see there is off-site hedging on boundary of private gardens at the

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southeast corner of the site which might benefit from fencing but am unsure if that is the intention. Any shrub understorey or hedging along the north boundary with agricultural land is protected by the tree protection fencing.

The applicant may not have fully met the requirements of Condition 26 although I am satisfied that all retained trees overlapping the development would be adequately protected by strict adherence to the arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan.

### **Recommendation:**

I recommend we confirm acceptance of the following document and plan:

1. Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement, Ramsay & Co., ref. RCo484/ Chalcroft Nursery / Rev00 / Planning / 22-02-24
2. Tree Protection Plan, Ramsay & Co., dwg. no. RCo485-02, Rev 01

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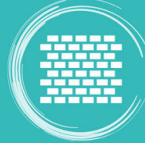
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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