

Planning Officer: Mr S Davis

Planning Application Ref: BR/49/19/OUT

Location: 26 Burnham Avenue, Bognor Regis, PO21 2JU

Description of works: Outline application with all matters reserved for 22 No. new dwellings consisting of 2 No. 1 bed dwellings, 18 No. 2 bed dwellings & 2 No. 3 bed dwellings

Comments on Application:

- There are significant trees at this site which will be adversely affected by the proposals. There is no supporting arboricultural information submitted with the application - a requirement of BS5837:2012. As such, were this application to now proceed, we will not have sufficient information to guarantee such trees would be adequately respected and protected.

Conclusions:

- In the absence of any arboricultural information in support of this application, I am compelled to register an **OBJECTION** at least until such time as those reports and plans have been provided, and in accordance with the requirements of BS5837:2012 – Trees in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction (see below).

Recommendations:

1. The applicants will need to employ the services of an Arboricultural Consultant to carry out a tree survey exercise and then prepare an Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA) which must be inclusive of; a 'Tree Survey Schedule', a 'Root Protection Area (RPA) Schedule' and a 'Tree Constraints Plan' – with the trees accurately plotted on same.
2. In the event that a RPA of any tree which is proposed for retention overlaps the development then BS5837:2012 requires that the Detailed Planning Application is accompanied by an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and also most importantly a Tree Protection Plan – to both describe and illustrate the mitigation measures which are to be employed to ensure that the trees survive without detriment to their vigour and vitality and are given adequate protection both above and below ground.

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