

Planning Officer: Mr Z Denton

Planning Application Ref: CM/54/20/DOC

Location: Mistletoe Farm, Horsemere Green Lane, Climping, BN17 5QZ

Description of works: Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under CM/37/18/OUT relating to condition 7-Arbicultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan

Comments on Application:

Condition 7

Prior to the commencement of the development an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the details so approved.

Reason: To ensure the retention and maintenance of trees and vegetation which are an important feature of the area in accordance with Policy D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan. It is considered necessary for this to be a pre-commencement condition as the protection and retention of trees goes to the heart of the planning permission.

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- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
 - The applicants have employed Lizard Landscape Design Ltd. to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement and Tree Retention and Protection Plan for this project.
 - For reasons of clarity I draw attention to the email dated 27th January 2021 from the applicant, confirming there is **no plan to enhance the vehicular access lane on the eastern boundary**, superceding any previous statements to the contrary. This access lane (and importantly the soil structure/roots beneath) will receive temporary ground protection measures – not the permanent enhancement utilising a ‘No-dig’ construction method, proposed under planning reference CM/13/19/RES.
 - The data, report and plan appear comprehensive and accord with the requirements of BS5837:2012. Retained trees and hedgerow are offered adequate respect and protection from the package of Tree Protection Measures therein.

Conclusion:

- I am satisfied that the applicant has met the requirements of Condition 7.

Recommendation:

- I recommend we approve the submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement and Tree Retention and Protection Plan.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team