

Planning Officer: Ross Leal

Planning Application Ref: FG/27/18/PL

Location: 58 Ferringham Lane, Ferring

Description of works: Demolition of existing care home & redevelopment to provide for apartment building for 7 self-contained flats with cycle store, bin storage and car parking.

Comments On Application:

- This application has been supported by a Method Statement Report & Tree Protection Plan prepared and submitted by **Nicholas Jones Consultants Ltd.**
- It concludes that there are 14 trees on this site that are all of low value and poor condition 11 meriting only a **C** grading and 3 are fell graded **U** – I agree with this statement.
- **The Tree Protection Plan Ref: NJCL 214 B-1 – 22.01.2018** shows that only trees 9; 10; 11 and 12 will be retained and protective fencing will be erected to seal this Construction Exclusion Zone for the duration of the main build process – I would support this approach.

Conclusions:

- This application is supportable in arboricultural terms.

Recommendations:

- I register **NO OBJECTION** to this application but would wish to see the following standard Condition applied to the approval:-
1. All demolition & construction works are to be carried out in strict accordance with :- **Arboricultural Method Statement Report Ref: NJCL 214 and Tree Protection Plan ref: NJCL 214 B-1 – 22.01.2018**
 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 :-
 - 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: NJCL 214 B-1 – 22.01.2018**
 - A schedule of Site Monitoring/Supervision visits and Reporting Procedures prepared by an Arboricultural Expert will be required and this will need to be submitted and approved by ADC before any works take place and shall include details of timing, frequency & methods of reporting. The supervision and monitoring is then to take place in strict accordance with the approved details.
 - 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

Consultant Arboriculturist