

Referral Point : Claire Potts / Planning Officer – seeking advice on an application for approval of reserved matters relating to tree protection.

Reference : LU/234/16/RES

Location : Land between the A259 Worthing Road and the East Street/Fitzalan Road roundabout

Site Visit:

- I walked the route and noted that there are little or no trees or vegetation alongside the western boundary with existing residential development.
- There is however quite a lot of mature and maturing Lombardy Poplars/Hybrid Poplars and Ash trees alongside the eastern boundary with the Academy School grounds which are trees we would wish to see retained and fully protected during the development process.
- Lombardy Poplars – mature and 20m to 25m in height and avge 4m radial branch spread
Hybrid Poplars – mature and 20 to 25m in height and avge 10m radial branch spread
Ash – semi mature to early mature and 14m to 15m in height and avge 6m radial branch spread
- I was unable to locate the WYG report on the website but was able to print out plans Ref : Mayer Brown - North Littlehampton Phase 2 Fitzalan Link S278 works – Site Clearance Plans and also WYG Landscape Proposals A088461 FL 1 & 2 (C) .dwg 4 Aug 16 – and I have based my opinions on these plans.
- These plans show that a full and detailed tree survey and root protection schedule exercise has been undertaken and that protective fencing requirements have been calculated and plotted on the Landscape Plans.

Conclusions :

I am happy with the level of Arboricultural input in respect of plans submitted and the levels of tree protection shown will be adequate to ensure that these trees are all retained in a sound and healthy state. Provided that the protective fencing is to Section 6 & Figure 2 standards as prescribed within BS5837:2012.

It is assumed that as they are included within the legals of the Section 278 agreement that this gives powers to enforce this?

IF this is not the case then I would advise that they are required to sign up to this commitment.



Consultant Arboriculturist