Arun District Council

Date of report: 3rd February 2020

Planning Officer: Mrs A Gardner

Planning Application Ref: **LU/373/19/DOC**

Location: **Land South of Cornfield Close Littlehampton BN17 6LD**

Description of works: **Approval of details reserved by condition imposed under ref LU/330/18/PL relating to Condition No 3 - arboricultural method statement**

Condition 3 – *All activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with: - Arboricultural Impact and Method Statement Report Ref: THA21635aia-amsB, Rev.C:3.06.2019 dated 18/09/2018 (ACDEnvironmental).*
Before the site is occupied or any machinery is introduced to the site or demolition work or construction work or alterations to existing ground levels takes place a pre-commencement Site Meeting is to take place between the Arun District Council Tree Officer and the Arboricultural Expert 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, dwg.no. THA21635-03A rev B, dated 03.06.2019.
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.

Reason: *To comply with policy ENV DM4 of Arun Local Plan and 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. This is required to be a pre-commencement condition because these details have to be agreed and in place before any work commences or the trees will be at risk.*

Comments on Application:

- I attended site on the morning of November 8th 2019, for a planned pre-commencement site meeting. Present was Dan Di-Bella, Site Manager for Thakeham and Tom Grayshaw, ACD Environmental (Project Arboriculturist) who accompanied me during the assessment of tree protection fencing. I had the following approved Tree Protection Plan to refer to:

- Tree Protection Plan, dwg.no. THA21635-03A rev B.

- All Tree Protection Fencing had been correctly located and installed.

Recommendation:

- I recommend 'signing off' on that element of Condition 3.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team