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I inspected the car park site this afternoon and note the consultants incorrect tree identification. They are four good Lime trees of high visibility and prominence. They are mature and show slight branch health decline, possibly linked with the inhospitable hard surface landscaping beneath the tree crowns and predicted capped rooting area. As part of the proposal I note there is modification to the green islands to increase parking bay numbers. Ground disturbance of underlying roots by retaining/increasing impermeable tarmac will adversely affect tree health to exacerbate the decline in health and were the following recommendation should apply.

Recommendations:

Existing impermeable surfaces within a 5m radius from each of the four Lime trees should be carefully removed and replaced with a permeable, preferably, three dimensional cellular confinement system type of construction as recommended in BS5837 (2012) Section 7.4 'Permanent Hard Surfacing within the RPA'. A method statement detailing construction and appropriate design of the new permeable surfaces should be submitted to the planning department for approval as a Condition.

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