

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: WA/110/21/HH

Location: Midway, Avisford Park Road, Walberton, BN18 0AP

Description of works: Single storey rear extension

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- It has been stated (application form, sect.6) that there are no trees on the above property or on adjoining properties which are within falling distance of the proposed development. This appears to be an incorrect statement, as there is a large cedar tree growing within a few metres of the site's east boundary.
- Anecdotaly this is a high value off-site tree and already the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. It could be adversely affected by this proposal. There is no supporting arboricultural information submitted with the application - a requirement of BS5837:2012. As such, were this application to now proceed, we will not have sufficient information to guarantee any tree would be adequately considered and protected.

Conclusions:

- The principle of development as described may be achievable without undue detriment to retained on and off-site trees, although we are yet to have sight of the necessary arboricultural reports and plans to demonstrate this has been properly considered.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I am unable to lend this scheme my support and so register an **OBJECTION**.
1. The applicants will need to employ the services of an Arboricultural Consultant to carry out a tree survey exercise and then prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) which must be inclusive of; a 'Tree Survey Schedule', a 'Root Protection Area (RPA) Schedule' and a 'Tree Constraints Plan' – with the trees accurately plotted on same.
 2. In the event that an RPA of any tree which is proposed for retention overlaps the development then BS5837:2012 requires that the Detailed Planning Application is accompanied by an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and most importantly a Tree Protection Plan – to both describe and illustrate the mitigation measures which are to be employed to ensure that the trees survive without detriment to their vigour and vitality and are given adequate protection both above and below ground.

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