

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's arboriculturist)

Date of report: 6 June 2022

Reference: WA/35/22/HH
Proposal: Single storey garden room extension to rear elevation
Location: Midway, Avisford Park Road, Walberton, BN18 0AP
Case Officer: Hannah Kersley

Comments on application:

The applicants have instructed their Arboricultural Consultant (Arbtech) to submit a revised Tree Protection Plan and AIA/MS (Table 4) RPA (Root Protection Area) Schedule, in response to our previous recommendation.

Tree Survey data is now accurate and accords with the requirements of BS5837:2012, so we can understand the arboricultural impact of this development proposal.

Conclusion:

The principle of development as described is achievable without undue detriment to retained trees provided there is adequate site supervision during sensitive work (within RPAs) by the project arboriculturist.

Recommendations:

Condition 1

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 Planning Authority's Tree Officer and the Arboricultural Expert representing the site owner(s) – at this meeting all protective fencing will be inspected to verify it is 'Fit for Purpose' as required under British Standard 5837:2012 and has been erected and positioned exactly as shown on the **Tree Protection Plan, dwg. no. Arbtech TPP 01, Rev 01, May 2022.**

A schedule of Site Monitoring/Supervision visits and Reporting Procedures prepared by an Arboricultural Expert will be required and their extent will be agreed on at the site meeting to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority's Tree Officer.

Reasons: To comply with BS5837:2012 and ensure the retention and maintenance of trees and vegetation which are an important feature of the area, in accordance with Policy D DM1

of the Arun Local Plan. It is considered necessary for this to be a pre-commencement condition as the protection and retention of trees goes to the heart of the planning permission.

Condition 2

Part a)

All activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with: - **Arboricultural Method Statement, Arbtech, AMS 01, Rev. 01, May 2022.**

Part b)

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 BS5837:2012 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.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Neighbourhood Services