

Planning Officer: Mrs A Gardner

Planning Application Ref: WA/68/21/PL

Location: Land adjacent to 1 Orchard Way, Fontwell, BN18 0SH

Description of works: Variation of condition 13 imposed under WA/18/19/PL relation to updated (July 2021) Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Comments on Application:

- I have undertaken a review of **Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement (Arbortrack Systems Ltd, ref: jwmb/ rpt1/ 1orchardway/ AIAAMS, 7th July 2021)** inclusive of Tree Protection Plan. Previous consideration from site provides further insight to the proposal.
- The Tree Survey data is comprehensive and accords with the requirements of BS5837:2012.
- The above report describes and illustrates refinement to the methodology required to satisfactorily implement the latest foundation proposal for both dwellings.

Conclusions:

- Approved above-ground Tree Protection Measures have already been positioned and installed correctly. Ad-hoc inspections will be necessary to ensure ongoing compliance.
- While this scheme demands construction work within the nominal root protection area of a significant tree (oak – T2) adequate tree protection measures/construction methods are to be employed. It is achievable without undue detriment, providing there is adequate oversight and retained arboricultural input to ensure full and correct implementation of the same, as per the approved AIA & MS (see section 1.6 Site Monitoring).

Recommendation:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for this application, subject to the following condition being applied:
 - All activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with: - **Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement (Arbortrack Systems Ltd, ref: jwmb/ rpt1/ 1orchardway/ AIAAMS, 7th July 2021)** and **Tree Protection Plan (Appendix A, Rev D, July 2021)**.

If there is deemed to be a need for any Utility Service Route connections to bisect retained tree Root Protection Areas 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 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.

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