

Planning Officer: Stuart Corbey

Planning Application Ref: WA/75/18/OUT

Location: Land to the rear of 7 The Meadows, Walberton BN18 0PB

Description of works: Outline application with some matters reserved for 1 No. dwelling. This application may affect the character & appearance of the Walberton Village Conservation Area.

Comments on Application:

Although I have not yet visited this site; several online resources indicate there are significant trees on/off this site which might be adversely affected by this proposal. No arboricultural information has been submitted - this is a requirement of BS5837:2012.

Were this application to proceed we would not have sufficient information to guarantee any trees would be adequately respected and protected.

Recommendations:

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 Implications 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 a RPA of any tree which is proposed for retention overlaps the development then BS5837:2012 requires that a Planning Application is accompanied by an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) including a Tree Retentions and Removals Plan and also 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.

Conclusion:

In the absence of the above information I would have to lodge an **OBJECTION** to this proposal.

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