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Subject: 1 Orchard Way, Fontwell - WA/91/21/DOC

Hi James

I apologise for not having responded sooner to your earlier contact with me.

I write further to our discussion yesterday. Hopefully you can support the following summary/recommendations and submit a method statement in good time, so we can progress your client's application.

It should be noted, that the applicant (WA/91/21/DOC) has not provided the planning department with a Method Statement, as required by condition 15 (WA/18/19/PL) and so it is understandably set for refusal in current form.

I have considered the drawing 'UNIT ONE + TWO drainage layout', dwg. nb:17101+305A. The intended route of utility apparatus beyond the building footprints involves further RPA incursion, although it appears to be logical and ought to be achievable without recourse to specialist engineering methods, given what we have observed from earlier trial hole excavation and the adoption of a suitably morphed (polygon) RPA. The quality of ground protection installation recorded pre-commencement further encourages my support for this proposal.

I assume traditional open excavations are to be dug for the installation of all pipework within the Root Protection Area (RPA) of T1 Oak. If so, that work ought to be undertaken in compliance with Guidelines set out in NJUG Volume 4 – Guidelines For The Planning, Installation And Maintenance Of Utility Apparatus In Proximity To Trees and ideally should be supervised by the project arboriculturist. This important principle is not referred to explicitly in the current approved Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) as it was assumed all service connections would be from road side, therefore a mini-Method Statement (mMS) is now required and to be submitted for LPA approval prior to those works commencing.

The mMS should confirm the width and depth of the excavations and maximum amount of unprotected ground tree-side of the excavation to facilitate same.

You should either directly supervise all excavation within the RPA (or ensure your client submits a report for your endorsement) and provide the LPA with confirmation of compliance with those Guidelines, to be supported with photographic evidence.

Please provide confirmation that ground protection (as approved and installed) remains intact and 'fit for purpose' and is to be modified only to allow minimal clearance tree-side of the excavation. Any plant operating within the RPA may demand an enhancement of the ground protection, to remain 'fit for purpose' – (see BS5837:2012, para. 6.2.3.3).

All the above details and assurances must be provided within the aMS, as a minimum requirement.

If you require clarification on any of the above items, please contact me directly and I will endeavour to respond promptly.

Kind regards,

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