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Importance: High

Hi Halima,

The Trees team have been consulted on the above application for installation of an air source heat pump on the recently extended dwelling.

There are two pairs of early mature beech stems on a raised bank to the immediate N of the area of recent build and hardstanding extensions. The trees Team were not formerly consulted on the development at the property and the trees were not referred to/considered in respect of the former approval for development (DC/23/2320).

The trees were likely originally planted as a hedge and have been retained in outgrown form so that now, due to their elevated position they make a positive contribution to the landscape setting. Subsequent to the approval of the extension, the beech trees have been subject of sensitive crown reductions to limit their size and form and contain future growth. This form of pruning will likely be re-undertaken on a cycle if the trees are to be retained at the relatively close proximity to the new built form.

In my view/IME the relationship of the beech trees to the built form is not sustainable in the longer term unless the trees are maintained on a regular cycle of pruning. Bearing in mind the extent of recent planting of good quality hardy nursery stock (trees) associated with the changes at the property, I would not be unduly concerned in respect of the potential loss of the beech trees in the short to medium term.

In any event, bearing in mind the former approval for property extension at relatively close proximity to the trees, I do not consider them to be constraints on the current proposal for the heat pump.

Regards

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