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Hello,

Please could the below be saved to the file as trees consultation response - DC/26/0473

Thank you

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Hi Meg,

The Trees team have been consulted on the above application for erection of a close board fence. Despite the inappropriateness of these types of hard barriers within the countryside, they seem to be becoming a far more common sight over which planners/local people have little opportunity to oppose them. They have a very detrimental/urbanising impact IMO.

The block plan appears to show the fenceline inside of the indigenous outgrown hedgerow along the ditch bank that currently bounds the property. Providing the post holes are dug by hand, I would not be unduly concerned in respect of any potential impacts on the roots of the indigenous trees that are present within the hedge. I do not consider it would be appropriate within the context of what is proposed to condition the works in this respect.

Regards

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