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Subject: DC/25/0477 - Great Marl Barn Marches Road Warnham

Dear Shazia,

Thank you for consulting me on the above apclation, I can advise that I have reviewed the supporting documents and note the following with the regards to trees.

To facilitate the development proposals at the site and build the access as proposed, it would require the removal of a section of mixed-species hedgerow and two semi-mature Ash trees. The more easterly Ash tree is showing advanced symptoms of infection with Ash dieback (ADB) a chronic fungal disease of Ash trees in Europe characterised by leaf loss and crown dieback in infected trees, and the tree to the west is also displaying the early signs of infection with ADB, whereby tip dieback is visible in sections of the trees crown. The significance of this is that due to both trees having ADB their long-term viability for retention is considerably reduced, as such, regardless of the outcome of this application, both trees will need eventually to be removed on highway safety grounds as their condition deteriorates and they become hazardous to the adjacent highway; I do not object to the removal of both of the Ash trees to facilitate the access, subject to replacement planting, please see below.

However, given their prominence in the landscape, and high visibility when viewed from the road to the south the removal of these two trees will result in a loss of visual amenity value to the location. Therefore, to help mitigate this harm both trees should be replaced with alternative species of tree on the roadside; recommended replacement trees - *Aesculus* × *carnea*, red Horse-chestnut, Tilia x europaea Common Lime or Ulmus 'Lutèce' (Naguen) DED Elm of Standard size nursery stock (circa. 2.5 - 3m tall with a trunk girth of 8-10cm)

I trust this information is suitable for your requirements.

Kind regards,

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