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Subject: Birchfield Nursery, Kidders Lane, Henfield - DC/26/0048
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Hi Nic,

The amendment to footprint is an obvious improvement in terms of foreseeable excavation requirements in close proximity to the off-site mature oak tree. Nonetheless, the extent and form of development at the proximity proposed will foreseeably have some detriment to the recommended key rooting area of the tree. If minded to approve on the basis of the information received to date, I would maintain the recommendation for an AMS condition (standard 3.9) to attempt to afford protection to the tree from the associated development process in conjunction with the Landscape teams recommended condition re: hard landscaping control.

Regards

Andy

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Hi Andy

I've re-consulted trees, as the applicant has moved the replacement building line to that of the existing barn, alongside a confirmed 1m gap to the common boundary. We've also got a reduced roof height / design, all of which should now achieve a favourable relationship with the adjacent oak tree.

I'll await your response to the re-consultation.

Kind regards
Nic

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Hi Nicola,

I took a look at the site yesterday and can confirm as per your own observations that the adjacent off-site oak tree in close proximity to the area of proposed new build extension will be rooting beneath the existing hardstandings that effectively surround it.

The oak tree is of fair form and condition for species and age and makes a positive contribution to the local landscape due to its species, maturity and size.

The other boundary trees in close proximity are of smaller species/size and showing signs of poor health, likely exacerbated by the drought. They do not pose a constraint on further development of the plot.

For an application of this nature, within the existing site context, I would expect details to be submitted that acknowledge the position and size of the oak tree and the requirement to undertake engineering of foundations and associated services and new/upgraded hardstandings in a sensitive manner to limit potential impacts on its root system and thus future health.

If minded to approve at the 11th hour without any arboricultural impact assessment or Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), I recommend that you use a condition requesting pre-commencement construction details to be provided as part of an AMS that accord with the relevant design standard – BS5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

Alternatively, I recommend that the build footprint be amended so that no additional foundations or associated excavations are required closer to the oak tree than currently exist.

Regards

Andy

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Morning both – I will add this to the spreadsheet – but FYI

Thanks

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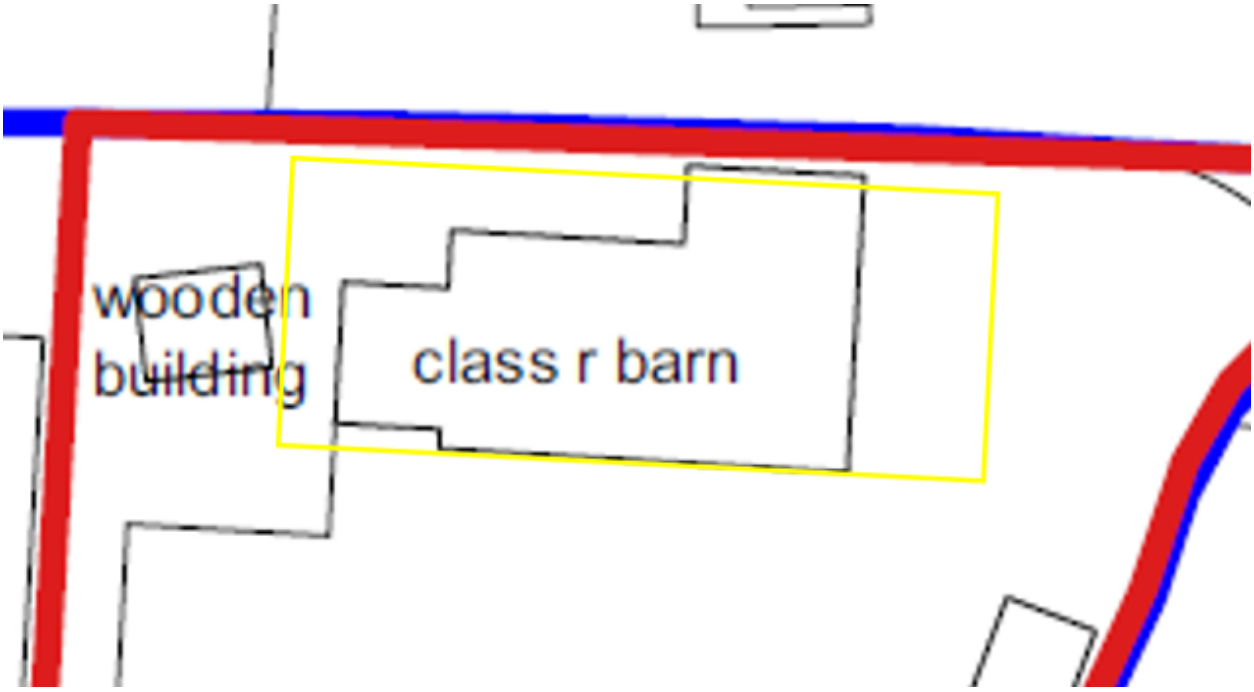
Dear Tree Team

I've raised a late consultation on this one, as the report has progressed quite some way down the line, and as I'm writing it up, I'm concerned about the potential proximity of the proposed replacement barn on the neighbouring trees. The new barn will extend the existing footprint by quite some way, as you can see on the diagram below (yellow outline is the new building). I've also added some site photos from Alice and my visit back in May. We have no idea on whether the new barn will need the existing concrete hard-standing to be dug up for new foundations, or if they will build in the existing ground, but as these buildings are around 20+years old, I'm guessing there would be an existing rooting limit of sorts to the neighbouring trees.





Existing barn and proximity to Birchfield House



Existing barn, neighbouring tree and concrete hard-standing



existing north-west corner of the site, adjacent to Birchfield House


- back section of the barn, proposal would extent marginally beyond existing footprint.

We don't have any trees marked on plans.

Thanks
nic

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