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Sent: 22 July 2020 18:06
To: Matthew.Porter
Subject: Cons response: DC 19 2464, Phase 5, LWO Southwater

Dear Matt,
Thank you for consulting me on this application.
I have visited the site and inspected all the submitted documentation in regard to arboricultural matters.
I note the following:

Summary: I register **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

Notes:

1. Broadly the site is open, with trees only sited within the peripheral hedgerows. All of the hedgerows are to be retained, resulting in tree loss only in regard to the creation of a new internal estate road necessitating the removal of some trees from hedgerow groups G38 and G39. The trees within these groups are classified as category C as required under **BS 5837 'Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction - Recommendations' (2012)**, and are not of any especial or particular merit.
2. All of the distances between the proposed built form and the peripheral trees appear to be in accordance with the BS, and this is satisfactory.
3. The measures for the protection of retained trees on the site during the construction process are also in line with the requirements in the BS, and are satisfactory.
4. The submitted Tree Report notes (at para's 4.6 and 4.7) that of the trees on the site, 37 have been classified as category 'C' under the BS, and a further 7 as category 'U'. This does not mean that these 44 trees are to be felled; it is merely a classification. What it does infer is that the 7 demonstratively poor trees under category U should be felled for good arboricultural reasons whether the site is developed or not.

I trust this information is suitable for your requirements.
Kindest regards,
Will.

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