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Subject: DC-26-0355 - Land to the rear of the Copse, Worthing Road, Southwater

Hi Kate,

I have undertaken an assessment of the above site development and associated arboricultural impacts. It is apparent that deliverability in principle hinges on the ability to construct an access road and instal utility trenching that does not significantly impact upon the future health of the TPO oak trees immediately to the North.

The submitted arboricultural information does not deal with this key element satisfactorily/to the degree necessary at this stage of the planning process to have confidence that a no-dig solution and services connection route that complies with the design standard BS5837 recommendations is viable.

Therefore, please request the following additional information:

1. Clarification/confirmation that the road **will not** be built to an adoptable highway standard;
2. Provide a section drawing of the proposed finalised road specification including edging that accords with the BS5837 design standard;
3. Provide confirmation that the extent of new no-dig hard standing proposed does not exceed 20% of the currently unsurfaced minimum recommended root protection area of either of the two TPO oak trees affected;
4. Provide confirmation of where all the relevant utility installations will be routed – water, gas, electric etc. through this pinch point. If only a single trench is required, provide detail of services layout within it.

Thanks and regards

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