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Cc: Trees
Subject: DC-26-1475 - Land To The Rear of The Hermitage, Tower Hill, Horsham - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF IMPACTS ON KEY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Hi Bethan,

The Trees team have been consulted on the above application for development. It is supported by an arboricultural impact assessment and drainage proposals that conflict.
Can you please request amended design that removes all services excavations from the minimum recommended root protection areas (RPA's) of the principal trees of landscape merit.

In addition, please request detail of the actual proposed form of specialist engineering and edging for the section of unadoptable new access road proposed within the key rooting area of the adjacent oak tree (T65).

The arboricultural submission states that the ditch and bank adjacent to Parthings Lane has been a constraint on the rooting of one individual tree on the N side of the Lane only. Please get clarification as to why this is not considered to be the case for any other lane side trees and how engineering is proposed to create a path down to the road through tree RPA's, utilising a "low dig" methodology (presumably no steps?) is proposed.

In addition can you please request clarification as to the veteran status of the oak tree (T65) adjacent to the proposed access point. It is a tree that is notably large for the species and has both recent and historic major branch failures with associated decay and habitat features. It has pronounced fibre buckling on the trunk associated with internal decay.

Thanks and regards

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