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Dear Case Officer,

I have the following tree & landscape comments in respect of the above outline application:

1. A full Arboricultural Impact assessment (AIA) and Method Statement to BS 5837:2012 has been submitted in support of the application.
2. There are no TPO/Conservation Area/Ancient Woodland or Veteran tree constraints on the site.
3. Tree features on the site are limited to an isolated group of trees to the centre east of the site and native species hedgerows along the A271 and part of the A22 boundaries of the site.
4. The proposal would result in no direct loss of trees (aside from those identified as requiring removal on safety/health grounds – G475). Some hedgerow removal would be required to facilitate the new access. The AIA identifies the quality of these hedgerows as poor and the accompanying Ecological Appraisal does not identify these as important hedgerows under the Hedgerow Regulations. Hedgerows on the east and west boundaries (H2 & H4) are identified as important and will be retained. It should be noted however that the EA identifies all hedgerows on site as meeting the criteria for UK BAP Hedgerow habitat. Removal of those sections of hedgerow required for the facilitation of development would therefore need to be considered in the wider planning balance.
5. Tree protection proposals are considered appropriate.
6. Landscaping proposals include new tree lined streets in line with NPPF para 131 and new hedgerow planting (set further back into the site to allow for necessary visibility splays) to compensate for the loss of the existing.

Should the application be recommended for approval I would request WDC standard conditions TP02, TP05(M), LA01 & LA02.

Kind regards,

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