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Hi Laura,

From desk based assessment.
Comment – Objective.

In principle, the proposal seeks to retain the majority of individual features within and adjacent to the site. However, a majority of the surveyed trees are situated within the woodland to the south of the proposal, far beyond any area of proposed development. Considering trees immediately adjacent, or within the area of proposed development, this proposal offers a higher arboricultural impact.

The proposal requires the removal of significant sections of hedgerow upon both the east and west boundary. G94 on the west boundary has not been detailed within the arboricultural report, the impact of its removal therefore cannot be considered. On the east boundary, x2 trees awarded BS5837 category B, subject to a preservation order have been marked for removal, in addition to x1 category A feature. This represents removal of the only individually identified features on the east boundary. These features offer amenity to the adjacent highway and footpath, with public interest in their protection.

Based on my initial assessment I'd suggest the proposal in practice offers greater arboricultural impact than the proposal suggests on the surface, with removal of high value arboricultural features, I propose conflict is present in line with BS5837:2012 as the proposal hasn't considered the high value features within the site. So landscaping proposals detail tree planting on the east boundary to replace trees lost, I would argue retention of features to be of higher value than removal and replacement, in the interests of preserving existing amenity and biodiversity.

Kind regards,

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