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Hi George,

Regarding the above referenced DISC, from desk based assessment.

The removal of 2 trees and 1 hedge will have minimal arboricultural impact on the site, each are of a C or U BS5837 category.

Retained trees to the east of the site sit behind a stone wall, which I have been told (Email correspondence with case officer 10/09/2019) holds foundations at least 600mm deep. With that, the RPAs as outlined within the arboricultural report are correct, placing the majority of roots east of the site.

I have concerns for T1. Whilst the incursion into the RPA to build the workshop is quantified at 3.5% of the overall RPA, physically it encroaches significantly into the RPA, increasing the likelihood of damage to significant roots during construction. Whilst Raft and Beam foundations mitigate this, there is still greater chance of damage than with Pile and Beam foundations. I understand the latter has been considered unnecessary due to the minor 3.5% incursion, however, considering the physical encroachment into the RPA, I feel Pile and Beam foundations will minimise the potential for root damage. I would like to discuss this before finalising comments in order to discharge the condition.

I am happy with the proposed CCS permanent ground protection, providing hand dig excavation is used to install. All other areas within T1s RPA where vehicle access is required appear to be covered by existing hard standing, which I understand is to remain through development.

RPA fencing for T1 appears minimal. However, the existing wall to the south of T1 will provide physical protection, whilst remaining south area RPA will be protected through CCS. North area of RPA is protected by existing hard standing, with site access immediately north of proposed RPA fencing. Whilst understanding the site constraints, I would also like to discuss increasing RPA fencing if/where possible.

Kind regards,

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