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Hi David,

From desk based assessment.  
Comment – Objection.

The proposal requires the removal of 18 trees, retaining only one BS58837:2012 category B tree, and one category B group. On this subject, the submitted arboricultural report is inconsistent, as table 2, and drawing 3 cites T14 as being removed however, AMS 11.2 and drawing 2 suggest T14 is to be retained. Confirmation is required.

The addition of hard surfaces beneath the crown spread of T13 appears to abut the RPA, I expect fibrous roots will be present on the RPA boundary. With that, not only does the implementation of hard surfacing hold potential to damage fibrous roots, but the hard surfacing could be expected to conflict with future root growth. There are no details submitted of arboricultural supervision for root pruning. Furthermore, Car parking beneath T13 is inappropriate, as Quercus spp. drop hard fruits, vehicle damage could be expected.

Table 3 recommends crown lifting T13 by 3m as mitigation for potential vehicle damage. The area beneath T13 according to drawing 2 is to be used as a bus turning area, suggesting a 3m lift will not offer appropriate clearance. A crown lift of 5m could therefore be expected, reducing the likelihood of successful balancing pruning on the opposing side(s) and negatively impacting T13s amenity.

T13 being (pending T14) the only single, mature retained feature within the site requires greater consideration within the proposal. The proximity of hard surfacing to the RPA and crown spread creates both immediate, and long term conflict, contrary to BS5837:2012 guidance. I believe in order to address this, the following options need to be considered:

- Removal of parking bays beneath T13s crown spread (anticipating short term branch growth)
- Widening of soft landscaping area to reduce implementation impact to roots.
- Widening of soft landscaping area to account for future root growth. Currently, long term restriction of root development, and direct damage to hard surfaces could be expected.
- Adjustment of bus turning area location to avoid above ground conflict with T13.

Replanting. Depending on the proposal for T14, in line with biodiversity net gains a single replacement for T14 is insufficient, within the proposed landscaping scheme I would like to see greater mitigation for T14s removal.

If you require anything further please let me know.

Kind regards,

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