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Hi David,

Please see below from desk based assessment my initial observations.
Comment – More information required.

Arboricultural impact assessment.

The proposal requires the removal of 13 of the 72 recorded features within the site. 3 category A, 6 category B and 4 category C/U. These removals are directly as a result of the proposals layout, with exception to T37. The majority of vegetation proposed for removal is hedgerow, with a number of hedgerows considered category B quality containing mature features. The redirected watercourse passes within the buffer of a small area of ancient woodland. On site observation confirms the buffer area contains lower quality features, and the redirected watercourse passes beneath equally lower quality features (Category C) on the ancient woodlands boundary. In line with ancient woodland guidance, enhancement of the ancient woodland will form suitable mitigation for this.

With reference to the AIA, can the following items be confirmed please:

- Confirm justification for T37 removal.
- Confirm if hedgerows proposed for removal are protected under hedgerow regulations (if this is covered in ecological assessment please state).
- Method for operations upon ancient woodland border/buffer area. (See below comments for method statement).

Arboricultural method statement.

An AMS is included within the report however, some further details will be required. It is acknowledged some of this information is likely unavailable currently. 3.14 states service locations, whilst remaining outside RPAs are subject to confirmation from the applicant. The AMS does not include a plan demonstrating tree protection fencing, though it is acknowledged the majority of vegetation sits outside the area of development. The AMS does not include a methodology for working within the ancient woodland buffer for redirecting drainage, and does not include details such as the site compounds location mentioned in 3.20.

With reference to the AMS, the following items are required:

- Methodology for working within the ancient woodland buffer.
- Confirmation of service locations.
- Confirmation of site compound location.
- Full AMS/TPP plan including access.

Ancient woodland.

It was agreed on site as part of the mitigation for incurring into the ancient woodlands buffer a strategy would be completed to improve and enhance the quality of the woodland. Further detail and discussion is required before I can support the submitted strategy, comments summarised below:

- The site holds no public access. Where the WMP outlines removal of structurally compromised trees, detail is required under what criteria is a tree considered structurally compromised. The woodland holds no public access as such removal of trees with cavities etc. would reflect a removal of habitat key for woodland biodiversity.
- The WMP proposes removal of invasive species. Species proposed for removal will need identifying and quantifying.
- The WMP mentions planting, but, this is not included in the management programme, nor is detail given to planting within, or upon the border/buffer. If trees are proposed for removal, replanting will certainly be a requirement, as will replanting in the buffer area which will see removals in order to redirect drainage.

Replacement planting.

David – Confirmation required from yourself if CDC landscape are responding to replacement planting proposals? I'm happy to contribute with reference to losses of arboricultural features to ensure appropriate mitigation.

Kind regards,

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