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Subject: 22/01144/F - CDC Arboriculture re. Updated plans

Hi David,

Following review of updated plans received 13/06/22, submitted in response to my previous comments.
Comment – Support subject to x2 conditions.

Arboricultural matters – I'm content the updated report/plans address concerns previously raised. The proposal requires the facilitative removal of numerous BS5837 category B features, as well as several lower quality trees. Subject to appropriate mitigation, this is acceptable. I can see considerable landscape proposals are included, which hold potential to improve tree quality within the site. I'm content to support the application therefore, subject to a replanting condition:

Prior to occupation of the site, submission of a detailed landscaping, planting, and aftercare plan will be submitted by the applicant for review. Reason, to ensure facilitative tree/hedge removals are appropriately mitigated, and effective screening from adjacent viewpoints is achieved.

Ecological matters – Regarding the hedgerow survey, as this is referenced in the ecological report, I will leave this to the CDC Ecology officer to consider.

Ancient woodland – The updated plan has partially addressed my comments however, requires further detail with regard to the managements objectives and replanting. The term 'native' replanting does not necessarily cover the detail I would like to see, before I could consider the strategy robust. A planting (and management) plan within a woodland should be made in order to achieve an objective, for example, to replace trees lost to ash dieback, increase the NVC field/shrub/upper canopy layer, diversify species etc. The planting plan therefore, should be tailor made to suit that objective, and will therefore need detail on the proposed species, spacings, quantities etc. and how these meet the given objective. For example, if the objective is to restore three clear NVC canopy levels, replanting may include a mix of field, shrub and canopy level species. Equally, Management, for example, thinning of dense stands will of course influence the degree, and type of replanting required. Therefore, a more prescriptive level of detail is required throughout.

I'm content though, that effort is being afforded to the ancient woodland, and my comments pertain to the finer details of the strategy. I'd therefore be happy to address these concerns under a condition:

Prior to occupation of the site, the applicant is to submit a full management and replanting strategy for the ancient woodland for review. Reason, to ensure the ancient woodlands longevity, and unique habitat is secured.

Kind regards,

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