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**Subject:** 22/01715/OUT - CDC Arboriculture

Hi Linda,

From desk based assessment.

The proposal at outline stage highlights the requirement to remove 54 trees in order to install a highways compliant site entrance. The arboricultural report highlights the access sits in an area of the site frontage which contains the lowest density of higher quality trees, with only 2 individual category B trees highlighted for removal, and 2 category B groups. The remaining removals are considered BS5837 category C or U, as such should not pose a constraint to development.

The removals will, as the report highlights create a requirement for replacement planting. I support the reports proposal to incorporate large canopy tree/woodland planting throughout the proposal in order to more evenly distribute tree cover throughout the site. I also support a requirement to silviculturally manage the retained trees on the site frontage in order to ensure their viable long term retention. Whilst I hold concerns for how removals will impact retained trees either side of the site entrance by increasing their exposure, I believe silvicultural/arboricultural management could be considered to mitigate this.

Subject to the below, I have no major objections at this stage:

- The site layout provides ample space for future planting in order to accommodate large canopy tree/woodland planting.
- The woodland/shelterbelt trees surrounding the site, and on the site frontage are silviculturally managed to aid long term retention.
- The proposals internal layout should be considerate of impact to retained trees in order to reduce the likelihood of future removal pressures. Ample space between retained trees and the development will assist this.

Further impact assessments and method statements will of course be required once the sites internal layout has been finalised, as well as replacement planting plans.

Kind regards,

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