

Andrew Lewis

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Andrew,

I would agree with the findings and BS5837 categorisation of the trees listed within the submitted arboricultural report.

The proposed scheme requires the removal of substantial arboricultural groups and individual trees within the site boundary with particular reference to the proposed removal of G1 and G4 having the largest impact upon amenity and biodiversity. The scheme proposes suitable mitigation for such loss through the creation of new shelter belts to the south-east and north-east boundaries along with the rejuvenation of existing boundary vegetative features to the north-west and south-west.

Consideration should be shown towards ensuring that such proposed boundary edges to the site are accessible for maintenance and receive long-term physical protection by ensuring that sufficient clearances are provided between the built structures and the mature canopy spread of adjacent trees and vegetation.

The proposed boulevard running through the site provides an opportunity to create a prominent tree-lined avenue which, aside from the social benefits, will increase biodiversity levels as well as softening the appearance of adjacent architecture. Sufficient verge space should therefore be provided to allow for such a planting scheme with adequate clearances provided between the frontage of adjacent buildings and the predicted mature canopy spread of tree species selected.

Regards

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