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Lisa

This is a resubmission of a previously refused application SMD/2015/0470 to which I had no objection relating to trees etc. Such issues are the same with the current application, and so I again have no objection. My comments on the previous application are set out below, and I would again suggest imposition of the suggested condition in the event that planning permission is granted as noted below:

Comments on SMD/2015/0470:

The application site comprises an overgrown and unkempt large garden to the side of Eden Bungalow. There are no significant trees on, or immediately adjacent to, this site which would be affected by the proposed development. There is a virtually continuous screen of conifer hedging along the road boundary, but in addition to this being of little significant amenity value in arboricultural terms it is also situated directly beneath overhead electric wires and if retained would have to be kept trimmed for clearance to the wires rather than grow on to become more imposing trees. In any event, it appears from the submitted plans that the proposed layout and the highway visibility requirements would necessitate removal of the conifer hedge, to which I would have no objection. The following condition should be imposed to prevent any tree/hedge/scrub removal during bird nesting season:

1. There shall be no removal of any trees, shrubs or hedgerows during the bird nesting season (March to August inclusive), unless otherwise agreed by the LPA and in this case only following careful inspection by a competent person to establish that such trees, shrubs or hedgerow are not in active use by nesting birds.

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