

Tree Advice - SMDC

I attended a site meeting with the applicant's architect, arboricultural consultant and engineer when we discussed the detail of the proposed means of foundation/support for the extensions to the existing building, and the potential impact on significant protected trees. An acceptable solution was found which will allow piled and cantilever beam support to the extensions without requiring excavation of existing ground levels, thereby avoiding damage to or adverse impact on roots of protected trees.

These details have been subsequently confirmed in amended plans, section drawings and arboricultural report submitted by the applicant's agent.

Given full compliance with these details and associated tree protection and arboricultural method statement recommendations, I confirm that my previous concerns set out in my holding response e-mail dated 23/12/2016 have been satisfactorily addressed, and I now have no objection to this application but would request that the following conditions be imposed in the event that planning permission is granted:

1. Before the commencement of development (including any demolition, site clearance, stripping or site establishment) temporary protective fencing, advisory notices and root zone ground protection measures for the protection of the existing trees to be retained shall be erected and installed in accordance with guidance in British Standard 5837:2012 *Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations*, and as set out in the Tree Heritage Arboricultural Report reference THL-R16/63b dated 15th May 2017 submitted in support of the application, and shall be retained in position for the duration of the period that development takes place, unless otherwise agreed by the LPA. Within the fenced areas there shall be no excavation, changes in ground levels, installation of underground services, provision of hard surfacing, passage of vehicles, storage of materials, equipment or site huts, tipping of chemicals, waste or cement, or lighting of fires unless otherwise agreed by the LPA.
2. The foundations and means of support for the development hereby approved shall be constructed only in full accordance with the details shown on Hewitt & Carr Architects "Plans and Elevations as Proposed" Drg No.00538 AL(0)PL02 Rev F, and "Proposed Site Plan and Site Sections" Drg. No. 00538 AL(0)PL03 Rev D submitted in support of the application.
3. Before the commencement of development (including any demolition, site clearance, stripping or site establishment) an arboricultural and construction method statement shall be submitted to and approved by the LPA. Such a statement shall be in full accordance with Arboricultural Report noted in Condition 1 and drawings noted in Condition 2, and shall include full and specific details of the process for installing the proposed Surefoot SF150 foundations and Posijoist floor beams including confirmation of the type and size of any piling machinery to be used, hand excavation to establish any main root positions and related flexibility for specific location of foundations to avoid any such roots, and any other special construction measures and specifications for the avoidance, minimisation or mitigation of harm to existing trees to be retained on the application site, together with confirmation of monitoring/supervision responsibilities to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented as

necessary to protect trees from the initial outset of any construction activity. Thereafter, the development shall be constructed only in full accordance with details approved under this condition.

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