
From:
Sent: 27 January 2022 18:17
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Subject: RE: SMD/2021/0663 - St Werburgh's School, Kingsley

Chris,

Sorry, omitted to comment on this element.

It appears the proposed extended car park would continue past a mature Larch tree adjacent to and within the boundary of the neighbouring property 17 Holt Lane, but would be just at the outer edge of this tree's crown spread which, in the absence of a detailed tree survey/arboricultural impact assessment report, may in this instance be reasonably taken to approximate to the likely extent of Root Protection Area. The proposed extended car park would be no closer to this tree than the existing car park, and would incrementally become further from the tree as it extends southwards. There are one or two smaller trees and mature shrubs on the grassed area near/within the proposed extended car park footprint, but these are not considered to be of significant wider amenity value and other than any directly within the footprint they are unlikely to be substantially adversely affected.

An additional condition requiring hand-digging for new fencepost holes beneath tree crowns might also be appropriate, and was actually suggested in the agent's e-mail of 28/10/2021

1. Any postholes for new fencing hereby approved which are located beneath the crown spread of existing trees (whether growing from within the school site or from adjacent properties) shall be excavated only using hand tools in order to minimise any potential damage to tree roots and to avoid the use of mechanical excavator equipment beneath tree crowns which may otherwise cause damage to branches and stems.

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Thanks Steve

So is the car park extension Ok as well then? It would encroach towards trees

Regards
Chris

From:
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Chris

I have no objection to the application.

If the large dense shrubs are still present at the existing entrance (some of which would need to be removed to accommodate the proposed extension to the building) it would be appropriate in the event of approval to include a timing of shrub removal condition in the context of potential bird nesting, as per:

2. No trees, shrubs or hedgerows shall be removed other than those whose removal is directly required to accommodate the approved development, unless otherwise approved by the LPA. There shall be no removal of any trees, shrubs or hedgerows during the bird nesting season (nominally March to August inclusive), unless otherwise agreed by the LPA and in this case only following careful inspection by a competent person immediately prior to removal in order to establish that such trees, shrubs or hedgerow are not in active use by nesting wild birds.

New paladin mesh and hoop-top fencing is proposed in various locations around the school grounds, in places this would be adjacent to existing trees/hedges and/or following alignments across Root Protection Areas. However, intermittent fencepost holes are unlikely to have a significant impact on any particular tree or shrub. It would be impractical to impose conditions requiring establishment of temporary tree protection barriers and construction-free zones.

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