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Subject: RE: SMD/2026/0101 - requested details

Hi Hannah,

Unfortunately the submitted survey and method statement is not to the required standards and therefore is of little use. I can offer the following comments:

The submitted tree survey and associated method statement do not comply with the requirements of BS 5837:2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction). In particular, the surveyed trees have not been categorised in accordance with the standard, and it does not appear that all trees, both on and adjacent to the site, that may be affected by the proposed development have been recorded. In addition, the crown spread measurements and Root Protection Areas (RPAs) appear to have been uniformly applied, which raises concerns regarding their accuracy and reliability.

Furthermore, the submission does not include a robust Arboricultural Impact Assessment. I would expect the proposed site layout, particularly in relation to the new site entrance and parking, to be clearly overlaid with tree constraints information to identify any potential encroachment into RPAs. This would inform necessary tree removal or special construction measures.

As it stands, there is insufficient information to allow a reasoned assessment of the likely impacts of the development on the existing trees.

Based on my site visit, I do not anticipate that trees will present a significant constraint to development.

However, there may be a requirement for the removal of a limited number of trees at the site entrance where encroachment into RPAs is unavoidable or where special engineering solutions would otherwise be necessary to prevent harm to retained trees.

This must be demonstrated through the submission of a compliant tree survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and Arboricultural Method Statement, prepared by a suitably qualified arboriculturist.

Best regards
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