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To: Hannah Varley <[REDACTED]>
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Hi Hannah,

I would recommend that they seek the assistance of an appropriately qualified arboriculturist to carry an impact assessment and method statement, particularly as the site is within a conservation area, the retention of the trees on site is important wherever possible.

As previously stated, the impact assessment and method statement in their current do not comply to BS:5837.

I observe the following points:

- There is no tree survey and schedule in accordance to BS:5837. This schedule should provide details of the trees canopy spread, DBH, tree category, species, life stage, general observations (particularly concerning structural and physiological condition), estimated remaining contribution, sequential numbering of the trees on site, existing height above ground level of; the first significant branch and the canopy.
- All trees have been assigned category U – which suggest they are to be removed as they are not viable for retention.
- All trees on site do not appear to have been recorded and detailed in a schedule, as set out above to comply with BS:5837, this includes those in the northwest outside the boundary and those along the frontage which are not detailed nor given root protection areas.
- Trees in the northwest are likely to be impacted by construction activities since those rooms are to be converted from what is currently a garage and the method statement proposes that all access . Therefore I would think there would be construction activities within the root protection areas of those trees and that measures will be required to ensure their from such activities.
- The apple tree closest to the newly proposed site entrance does not have a root protection area nor it is afforded any protection fencing to the west.
- There is no impact assessment, particularly where trees will be impacted such as g2 along with the apple tree to the west of the site and the trees located in the northeast. It may be that the impact of the road development in the root protection area is significant enough that the retention of this tree is not viable or that alternative construction methods be used to protected the roots of retained trees. However, it is not possible to determine that with the information provided.

Best regards
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